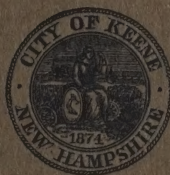


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ROBERT T. KINGSBURY, 110 Court St.	1929
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Regular meetings of the Board are held at the High School Building on the second Monday of each month, except August, at 7.30 P. M.

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STANDING COMMITTEES

High School—Messrs. Watson, Colony, Shaw, Miss Whitcomb,
Mrs. Nims.

Elementary Schools—Messrs. Pickard, Watson, Piper, Miss
Whitcomb.

School Buildings—Messrs. Kingsbury, Hubbard, Pickard.

Academy Property—Mrs. Nims, Messrs. Piper, Kingsbury.

Finance—Messrs. Colony, Pickard, Hubbard.

Health—Miss Whitcomb, Messrs. Shaw, Hubbard.

Evening School —Messrs. Hubbard, Shaw, Mrs. Nims.

Athletics—Messrs. Piper, Colony, Watson.

Other Activities—Messrs. Shaw, Kingsbury, Mrs. Nims.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

To the Citizens of Union School District:

The sixty third annual report of the Board of Education is presented herewith, together with the report of the Treasurer and the budget estimate for the ensuing year. Included are the reports of the Superintendent, Headmaster of the High School, Physical Education and Health departments, Attendance Officer and Supervisors with various records and statistics, all of which are submitted for your careful consideration.

Particular attention is called to the broadened departmental work in the High School. In many of the extra-curricular activities additional credits are now given to stimulate a larger interest on the part of every student. It is gratifying to report that, for the third time in the past five years, Keene High School leads all the other cities in the state in the standing of its graduates in colleges and normal schools.

The new Symonds Building at West Keene has been in use since the first of the school year, and is proving well designed and adequate in every particular. With a present attendance of 200, the building is planned to meet the needs of this rapidly growing section of the city for a long period of years.

An unusually rapid growth in the Mechanic Arts Course, which now has enrolled more than half the boys in the High School, makes it imperative that larger quarters be provided for the work of the classes and to receive the continued approval of the state department. Coupled with this is the necessity of relieving the crowded condition in the High School Building by removing the mechanical drawing divisions, a part of the Mechanic Arts Course.

Both of these needs can be adequately and economically met by the erection of a two story building of mill type con-

struction to replace the barn on the Academy House property, which, though unsuitable and inefficient, has been rented as a temporary expedient. The board therefore recommends the acquisition of at least a portion of the Academy House property, either by lease or purchase, and the erection of a building for occupancy at the opening of the school year in September.

With the expectation of a normal increase of four to five percent in the number of pupils during the coming year, the board feels gratified that it can recommend an increase of only two percent in the proposed budget.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF EDUCATION,

Robert T. Kingsbury, Pres.

CENTRAL OFFICE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

KEENE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

17 Washington Street

Wm. C. T. Adams, Superintendent Schools, Union School District, 17 Washington St. Telephone 1020.

Office hours: School Days 8 to 9 a. m. and 4 to 5 p. m.,
Saturdays 9 to 12.

Stella A. Thomas, Secretary to the Superintendent, 17 Washington Street, Tel. 1020.

Office hours:—School Days 8 to 12 and 1.30 to 4.30, Saturdays 8 to 12.

A. A. Pratte, School Physician, 10 Center St.

Mrs. M. Elizabeth Davey, R. N., School Nurse, 55 Wilder St.

Ralph J. Parker, School Dentist, 48 Main St.

Don J. Williams, Truant Officer, Colony Block.

HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1928-1929

Fall Term. September 10—December 21.

Winter Term. January 7—March 29.

Spring Term. April 8—June 21.

GRADE SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 10—December 21	15 Weeks
January 7—February 22	7 Weeks
March 4—April 19	7 Weeks
April 29—June 21	8 Weeks

NO SCHOOL STORM SIGNALS

Three blasts on whistles of Sprague & Carleton, Keene Woodenware Co., and New England Box Company as follows:

8.05—No forenoon session.

11.05—One session. Grades above the second will remain in school until 1 o'clock.

1.05—No afternoon session.

LIST OF TEACHERS

William C. T. Adams, Superintendent of Schools, A. M. (Harvard and Minnesota) M. S. (Upper Iowa University), Ph. D. (Taylor), L. L. D. (Highland).

HIGH SCHOOL

NAME	WHERE EDUCATED	ASSIGNMENT
Willis O. Smith, A. B.	Dartmouth College	Headmaster
Charles R. Dresser	Salem Comm. College	Commercial Subjects
Elwin Damon	Bridgewater Normal School	Science
Dorothy Randall, A. B.	Smith College	English
Leland E. Tufts	Tufts College	Manual Arts
Forest J. Hall, A. B.	Dartmouth College	Manual Arts
Carroll H. Lowe, B. S.	University of N. H.	Science
Robert E. Watkins, B. S.	University of N. H.	Mathematics
Clara F. Lowe, A. B.	Boston University	History
Harry W. Davis, A. B.	Amherst College	Music
Mary B. Clough	Keene Normal School	Commercial
Robert V. Beals, A. B.	Harvard College	History
Isabella Crane, A. B.	Wellesley College	Latin
Helen T. Kline, A. B.	Radcliffe College	French
Mildred E. Frostholtm, A. B.	Wellesley College	Spanish & French
Ruth Belknap, A. B.	Boston University	Public Speaking
Esther B. Eastman, A. B.	University of N. H.	Home Economics
Margaret Connolly	Bay Path Institute	Commercial Subjects
George P. Lovell, B. S.	Norwich University	Mathematics
Ruth W. Mitchell, A. B.	Smith College	English
Mildred Gutterson, A. B.	University of Vermont	Biology
Robertine Howe, A. B.	Bates College	English
Barbara Page, A. B.	Tufts College	English
Ruth H. Stewart, A. B.	University of Vermont	History
Milan H. Johnson	Foster School	Manual Arts
Mae E. Wheeler	Bryant & Stratton Bu. School	Commercial
Helen E. Webster, B. S.	University of N. H.	Secretary and Reserve Teacher in Commercial subjects

CENTRAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

NAME	WHERE EDUCATED	ASSIGNMENT
Edwin S. Huse, B. A.	Wesleyan University	Principal, Civics
Frank H. Blackington, Jr., A. B.	Bates College	French
Percy C. Churchill	Bridgewater Normal School	Science
Roy L. Terrill	Keene Normal School	Manual Arts
Arthur S. Morse		Athletics
Amy T. Tenney	Keene Normal School	Geography
Della R. Davis	Bridgewater Normal School	Arithmetic
Laura G. Fitzgerald	Keene Normal School	History
Marjorie O. Beach	New Britain Normal School	Algebra, Geometry
Edith Carleton, B. S.	Boston University	English
Jennie C. Munkittrick	Keene Normal School	Geography, History
Ida M. Magoon	Pratt Institute	Art
Doris Boothby, B. S.	Columbia University	Domestic Arts
Marion M. McDonald, A. M.	Boston University	Domestic Arts
Margaret D. Leland	Fitchburg Normal School	Sewing
Winona Robbins		Girls' Athletics

FRANKLIN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

H. Raymond Danforth, B. S., Prin.	University of New Hampshire	Grade 8
Helen M. Perkins, B. A.	University of Vermont	Grade 7
M. Alice Jones	Bridgewater Normal School	Grade 6
*Madylene Foley	Keene Normal School	Grade 5
Miriam Towle	Keene Normal School	Grade 5

SYMONDS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Rachel Dushuttle, Principal	Fitchburg Normal School	Grade 8
Doris M. Reney, B. S.	University of New Hampshire	Grade 7
Ruth Raymond	Keene Normal School	Grade 6
Gertrude E. Thomas	Keene Normal School	Grade 5
L. Pearl Loisel	Keene Normal School	Grade 4

Ruth Bragg	Keene Normal School	Grade 3
Bessie Lane	Fitchburg Normal School	Grade 2
Ethel Myers	Keene Normal School	Grade 1
WASHINGTON SCHOOL		
Roma Twitchell, Principal	Keene Normal School	Grade 4
Alice Lord	Keene Normal School	Grade 3
Louise Aldrich	Keene Normal School	Grade 2
Catherine E. Alger	Plymouth Normal School	Grade 1
TILDEN SCHOOL		
Flora E. Applin, Principal	Keene Normal School	Grade 6
Marion Stone	Keene Normal School	Grade 5
Percis Neaves	Keene Normal School	Grade 4
Hazel G. Rogers	Keene Normal School	Grade 3
Dorothy Carroll	Keene Normal School	Grade 2
Ruth Brown	Keene Normal School	Grade 1
FULLER SCHOOL		
Vera Locke, Principal	Keene Normal School	Grades 3-4
Mildred Quint	Keene Normal School	Grades 1-2
CLEVELAND SCHOOL		
Helen Brown, Principal	Keene Normal School	Grades 3-4-5
Edith Matthews	Keene Normal School	Grades 1-2
LINCOLN SCHOOL		
Mertie Powers, Principal	Plymouth Normal School	Grade 6
Iva M. Record	Keene Normal School	Grade 5
Mary C. Ward	Keene Normal School	Grade 4
Amy C. Haskell	Keene Normal School	Grade 3
Marguerite O'Leary	Keene Normal School	Grade 2
Marion Hutchinson	Keene Normal School	Grade 1

ROOSEVELT SCHOOL

Mildred Foster, Principal
Ismay Estey
Katherine O'Keefe
Alyce Stevens
Ruth Rideout
Beryl Dunn

Plymouth Normal School
Keene Normal School
Plymouth Normal School
Keene Normal School
Keene Normal School
Keene Normal School

Grade 6
Grade 5
Grade 4
Grade 3
Grade 2
Grade 1

WHEELLOCK SCHOOL

Bertha Twining, Principal
Bessie M. Jeffrey
Gertrude Merriam
Mabel Fisher
Doris Minah
Bertha Davis
Mary O'Donnell, Assistant
Margaret Little

Iowell Normal School
Keene Normal School
Keene Normal School
Keene Normal School
Keene Normal School
Keene Normal School
Keene Normal School
Wheelock Kindergarten School

Grade 6
Grade 5
Grade 4
Grade 3
Grade 2
Grade 1
Grade 1
Kindergarten

SOUTH KEENE SCHOOL

Elizabeth Barker

Keene Normal School

Grades 1-6

FOUR CORNERS SCHOOL

*Mary L. Hanna
Dorothy Emerson

Farmington Normal School
Keene Normal School

Grades 1-8
Grades 1-8

SUPERVISORS

Geneva J. Howe
Alma Reed
Harold F. Drew, B. S., Ed. M.
Elizabeth W. Penny, B. S.

Keene Normal School
R. I. School of Design
Middlebury College (Harvard)
Arnold College

Music
Drawing
Physical Training
Physical Training

JANITORS

High School
 High School, Assistant Janitor
 Junior High
 Lincoln
 Washington and Franklin
 Tilden
 Roosevelt
 Fuller
 Symonds
 Cleveland
 South Keene
 Wheelock

*Resigned.

12 Washington St.
 20 Fowler St.
 25 Russell St.
 30 North Lincoln St.
 33 Page St.
 36 Green St.
 39 Knight St.
 80 Forest St.
 598 West St.
 60 Davis St.
 534 Marlboro St.
 16 Willow St.

James Faulkner
 John Wilson
 Walton West
 J. H. Thompson
 Lewis Campbell
 H. H. Spaulding
 Edward W. Abbott
 John B. Harkins
 Adin Hall
 J. H. Jones
 Chas. F. G. Eaton
 James Hassett

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Board of Education:—

It is with pleasure that I submit my eighth annual report. The report contains only such data as is necessary for an understanding of the work done.

Reports of Headmaster Smith, heads of departments and statistical tables are embodied herein.

It is gratifying to report that Keene for the past five years has headed the list of New Hampshire schools, namely, in scholarship, the number entering high school and in the number and quality of work of those entering higher institutions of learning.

It is time that the board of education was thinking of some plan to care for the high school pupils. There were 698 pupils enrolled in our high schools. We have 678 seats in the high school. Average daily attendance this year 660.

This year the freshmen enrollment numbered 211, of which number 168 were Keene pupils, and 43 were from adjoining towns. The enrollment will be larger next year. We base our estimate on the following figures. Graduates of Central Junior High School 129, Franklin 36, Symonds 25, Parochial 37, Four Corners 3, Total 229. 90 percent or 207 will most likely enter high school. If the outside towns send the usual quota, we will have around 250 in the freshman class (Jun. 219, Soph. 161, Sen. 159). It is safe to say that we will open high school next Fall with an enrollment of around 725.

MECHANIC ARTS

An important matter to be considered by the school board is that of the mechanic arts department. Five years ago this department had an enrollment of 55 and only three graduates; today we have an enrollment of 180. We need to provide more room. This is an important department as Keene has more diversified industries than other cities of its size. Many of our boys will go into these home institutions. In accord with the modern trend of education,—keep more of the young people at home.

The elementary schools are in excellent condition. While all the rooms are occupied and there is a gradual increase each year, there is no need for concern as to rooms.

TEACHERS

The morale of our teachers is good and the cooperation has been excellent. All the elementary teachers are experienced normal school graduates.

The teaching force of the high school is the best since my administration. All, with few exceptions, are graduates from our best colleges; some have their second degrees, while all have done graduate or extension work. There is a fine professional spirit among the high school teachers. I have endeavored to strengthen the morale and improve the professional spirit of the teachers, by meetings, personal conferences and directed study.

As our elementary schools are adjusted to the 6 unit plan to a building and all rooms are in operation, we shall need no additional teachers in the elementary schools next year.

EVENING SCHOOL

There was some doubt, whether an evening school would be needed as the attendance last year did not seem to warrant a continuance, but last fall several applications came to my office and after investigation it seemed wise to try it another

year. Mrs. George Doucoumes has charge of the school, assisted by Frank Robinson and Mrs. Ruth W. Mitchell. Last year there was an enrollment of 38, this year 45.

SYMONDS SCHOOL

Symonds School opened last September in the new building with every room occupied. This is a model school building and the people are justly proud of it.

There are eight grades in this school, six elementary and two junior high school grades. The three upper grades are organized on the departmental plan, which is proving successful.

Reports of visits, addresses and other activities.

REPORT OF SCHOOL VISITS, ADDRESSES AND OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

March	116	October	147
April	102	November	110
May	142	December	79
June	47	January	116
September	203	February	84

Attended 12 Parent Teacher Association Meetings.

Held 15 Teachers' Meetings.

Attended 1 Superintendents' Conference.

Judge on two debates.

Addressed 2 Graduation Classes.

Attended Board Meetings, Committee Meetings and Institutes.

At this point I desire to thank the Board of Education and all those who have cooperated in making the schools of Keene foremost in the State.

WILLIAM C. T. ADAMS,

Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF DOMESTIC SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

To the Superintendent of Schools:—

The work of the Domestic Science course is much the same as for previous years; planned to meet the requirements of the State course of study.

The girls have planned and served dinners, luncheons and suppers, as well as breakfasts. The guests have been parents, members of the school board, teachers and friends.

We greatly appreciate the new rooms and equipment in the new Symonds Junior High School which makes it possible to accommodate larger classes.

Last June the sewing classes held an exhibition at the Franklin Junior High School and showed some of their hand work.

They take much interest in making their own dresses, underwear, woolen skirts and smocks, etc., besides learning how to keep their clothes mended and repaired.

I wish to thank the Superintendent, parents and teachers for their help and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

GLADYS M. HOLMAN.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I have to report for the past year steady progress in the field of physical education.

The program extends from the first grade through the second year of high school. It is thoroughly organized along specific lines for definite objectives.

In the first two grades the objectives are training in rhythm and imagination and development of the play spirit. They are achieved by means of rhythmic plays, mimetic or story plays, and very informal games.

The objective in the third and fourth grades is co-ordination training, quickening the mental response. The work in these grades consists mainly of games particularly adapted to the purpose in mind.

In the fifth and sixth grades, stress is laid on body-building, posture, and development of ideals of good sportsmanship. Here the work is divided into calisthenics, competitive plays, some of which are unique to Keene, and informal games. From time to time talks are given and open discussion held on various health topics, such as contagion, common colds, first aid, etc.

The objective in the junior high grades is similar to that in the fifth and sixth grades, but adds training in fundamental athletic games, and dancing, both folk and social. Symonds Junior High has its own splendid facilities, while Franklin Junior High uses the High School gymnasium and the playground behind it for its activities. Besides calisthenics, training is given in dancing, and in soccer, basketball, volley ball, and minor games.

The objectives in the high school are good posture, training for leisure time activities, and development of the spirit of team play. They are attained by formal calisthenics and tactics, and various formal games.

The program for the boys is thoroughly organized on a class unit basis, and besides the prescribed exercise work, includes soccer, volley ball, informal games, a comprehensive course in basketball, and training in apparatus work and track and field events. It is believed that this course is more thoroughly organized than any other high school course in the state.

The program for the girls consists of marching, tactics, calisthenics, informal games, light apparatus work and folk dancing.

In the grades a start has been made this year in winter sport activities. A ski meet and a skating carnival for the grades, have been held, and considerable interest developed, due in great part to Mr. Adolph Pressler, who was the instigator and moving spirit behind the activity.

The athletic phase of the high school program is worthy of comment. The football team lost but one out of ten games, and placed themselves on a par with the great team of 1926.

The boys' basketball team, with only two of last year's team left, have done very well, winning ten out of thirteen games, and making their way into the state tournament, for the third time in four years.

The ice hockey team, under the direction of Robert E. Watkins, has turned in another great year, being undefeated for the season. It was the only team to defeat the strong Greenfield club, champions of western Massachusetts, and the boys have undoubtedly the best high school hockey team in the state. Best of all, five of the regulars have at least another year left in school.

Soccer was introduced this year and a series of inter-class games played. Mr. Beals of the faculty, former Harvard player, handled the sport and laid a good foundation for a school team for next fall.

Football reached 75 boys last fall, soccer about 50 more. During the winter, basketball attracted about 25 for varsity work, and the inter-class series will bring out at least 75 more. Ice hockey carried a squad of 25 all season.

We are striving to make athletic participation very wide spread and are succeeding to a very decided extent.

The girls' field hockey team played well against the strongest competition in New England, tying the strong Lebanon team, but losing the remainder of their games.

Their basketball team was a distinct success, playing seven games and winning every game. The last game, at Bellows Falls, was a particularly fine performance.

In closing I wish to express my appreciation of the support accorded the work of the department by the athletic committee of the board of education, by Dr. Adams, and by Headmaster W. O. Smith of the high school. The classroom teachers of the grades have a splendid spirit toward the work, and the several grade principals are staunch and very able co-operators in the whole field of physical education. Much of the success of the department is due to their capable and conscientious follow-up work.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. DREW,

Director of Physical Education.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

"Music is taught for the sake of joy and satisfaction which it brings into the lives of the many, not merely as a means of enabling the few to receive professional training. Thus we must give the children while they are still in school the joyful experience of hearing and sharing in the rendition of beautiful music."

So with this thought in mind the Supervisor of Music reports the efforts in the last few months in traveling about to and from the various schools, endeavoring to do all that is possible to make Keene's boys and girls learn about music and its wonderful opportunities, and to bring our musical standing up to the highest peak.

The work in the early grades centers about rhythm, as expressed by rhythmic bands and orchestras, the teaching of rote songs and the clearing up of the so-called monotones.

Reading by syllables from Grades Three and including Grade Six has been stressed with splendid results, while the necessary technique for each grade according to system has been faithfully followed.

Much interest has been displayed by both Junior High Schools, in their chorus work as the "Blue Book of Favorite Songs" has been newly introduced in which are splendid examples of all types of songs including the standard numbers, the old favorite folk songs together with songs for every occasion.

The Supervisor has tried to work faithfully at this enjoyable and stupendous task of teaching music and at this time wishes to thank the Superintendent for his always helpful advice and aid, the teachers for their unfailing cooperation and "carrying on," the parents for their real interest in this work and the children for their ever ready welcome to learn of music and its everlasting charms.

Respectfully submitted,

GENEVA J. HOWE,

Supervisor of Music.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING

To the Superintendent of Schools:

This report contains the aims of the supervisor, and the program of drawing instruction as carried out so far this year.

The aims of the supervisor are three:

1. To link up art and industry in the mind of the child.
2. To teach appreciation and love of beauty.
3. To discover and train the gifted child.

In regard to the first aim—During the last few years people have come to realize that the value of manufactured products depends on the amount of art in them. The children in the upper grades are told that the design for every manufactured article was first drawn by an artist. Even Henry's ford was made more artistic. The children see the practical side of art, and its relation to the home. They also learn about the work of the architect, the interior decorator, the commercial artist, and the illustrator of story books.

Thus I have tried to accomplish the other two aims.

Weekly visits have been made to all schools in the Union School District. Throughout the lower grades, and the junior high schools the periods have been of standard length.

The course has provided for: representative drawing, illustrative and imaginative drawing, nature drawing, design, handwork, and art appreciation. Space forbids outline of the work done.

I wish to thank Dr. Adams for his helpful suggestions, and his support of the program. I also wish to thank the teachers for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

ALMA L. REED,
Supervisor of Drawing.

REPORT OF THE HEADMASTER

KEENE HIGH SCHOOL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The registration of the high school continues to increase yearly at the rate of 25 to 30 pupils. The registration this year is 699, an increase of 29 over last year.

There are 326 boys and 373 girls.

They are enrolled as follows; First year 211, Second year 180, Third year 162, Fourth year 139, Post Graduates 7.

Some plan must be devised at once to take care of the steady, normal growth of the high school. Every available class room is now occupied and classes are held daily in the assembly room. The Mechanic Arts building is crowded and so are some of the commercial rooms. Classes now average 29 pupils per teacher. The assembly will seat only 450 and there are only 679 home room seats now available.

The entering class was drawn from the following sources: Central Junior 76, Franklin Junior 23, St. Joseph's 21, Symonds 13, Four Corners 4, Other schools 68, Repeating 6.

Our tuition pupils number 181, distributed as follows: Acworth 1, Alstead 4, Chesterfield 7, Dublin 1, Fitzwilliam 19, Gilsum 8, Harrisville 9, Lempster 4, Marlow 7, Marlboro 1, Nelson 7, Richmond 8, Roxbury 1, Sullivan 6, Surry 10, Swanzey 53, Troy 19, Westmoreland 11, Wentworth 1, Wilmot 1, Wonalan-cet 2, Center Sandwich 1. Rate of tuition \$85.40.

There are 101 pupils in the Classical Course, 281 in the Commercial, 83 in Home Economics, 173 in Mechanic Arts, 23 in the Scientific and 38 in the General.

The per cent attendance to date is 96.26. The number of tardinesses per pupil .73. Average number of pupils per teacher 29.

The scholastic rating of our school is again very creditable. For the third time in the last five years Keene High stands first in the ranks obtained by its graduates in the various colleges and normal schools attended. The record for 1927-28, as compiled by the State Department, is as follows:

Keene, first; Concord, second; Dover, third; Manchester (Central) fourth; Nashua, fifth; Portsmouth, sixth; Berlin, seventh and Manchester (West), eighth.

Various colleges report as follows:

Harry Lichman, Freshman Boston University 1927-28 on on the honor list, which includes only six per cent of the entire class.

New Hampshire University elected to membership in Phi Kappa Phi, National Honor Scholarship Fraternity four members of the Senior Class who prepared in the Keene High School. Marjorie L. Britton, Edward McClenning, Ruth Pitcher and Iva L. Handy.

John Walstrom, because of his remarkable preparation in mathematics was promoted from Freshman to Junior mathematics and is now doing excellent work in Calculus and engineering mathematics, two years ahead of the rest of the class.

At **Dartmouth** Clarence Farr received a valuable scholarship in his freshman year and is doing excellent work in his studies.

University of Wisconsin places Martin Powers on the editorial staff and gives him extra credits for preparation.

Elton Roberts passed with credit the examinations for admission to Technology and is reported doing excellent work.

Of the fifty-six pupils who entered various colleges and higher institutions of learning, all but one entered without any further preparation than that received in our school. Not a single candidate has been reported as failing. The list follows:

Ivan Beckwith, Nazarene College.
Horace Betts, Marine Electric College.
Harris Clark, Game Conservation Institute.
Eleanor Kew, Cambridge School of Domestic Architecture.
Clarence Farr, Dartmouth.
Frederick Farrar, Worcester Polytechnic Institute.
Ellis Spaulding, Worcester Polytechnic Institute.
Edward Merrill, Boston College of Pharmacy.
Roger Mitchell, Northeastern College.
Russell Mitchell, Northeastern College.
Martin Powers, University of Wisconsin.
Elton Roberts, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
John Small, Tufts College.
Ilmi Saari, Simmons College.
Barbara Wilber, Wheaton College.
Prentice Bemis, Keene Normal.
Harold Bridge, Keene Normal.
Carmen Buskey, Keene Normal.
Josephine Cassidy, Keene Normal.
Merle Collins, Keene Normal.
Margaret Farrar, Keene Normal.
Evelyn French, Keene Normal.
Laura Gauthier, Keene Normal.
Teresa Gilbo, Keene Normal.
Flora Ide, Keene Normal.
Pearl Kelly, Keene Normal.
Margaret Laffond, Keene Normal.
Barbara Martin, Keene Normal.
Lena Medvidofsky, Keene Normal.
Mildred Neal, Keene Normal.
Clayton Perreault, Keene Normal.
Charlotte Phelps, Keene Normal.
Doris Warner, Keene Normal.
Mildred Whipple, Keene Normal.
Beatrice Wilcox, Keene Normal.
Gordon Ayer, New Hampshire University.

Millard Bemis, New Hampshire University.
Edna Brown, New Hampshire University.
John Gleason, New Hampshire University.
Robert Greene, New Hampshire University.
John Walstrom, New Hampshire University.
Howard Wheelock, New Hampshire University.
Bertha Wright, New Hampshire University.
Norman Wright, New Hampshire University.
Myrtle Atherton, Northampton Commercial College.
Hazel Darling, Northampton Commercial College.
Harry Dial, Bryant & Stratton Business College.
Hazel Bemis, Baypath Institute, Keene.
Hilda Blombach, Baypath Institute, Keene.
Elizabeth Slocombe, Baypath Institute, Keene.
Ernest Woodbury, Baypath Institute, Keene.
Eva Barile, Farren Memorial Hospital.
Natalie Hale, Waltham Training School for Nurses.
Dorothy Hodge, Middlesex Hospital.
Sonja Nilson, Massachusetts General Hospital.
Nellie Pickering, Gordell Hospital.
Freda Wheeler, Middlesex Hospital.
John Barry, St. John's School.
Malcolm Beverstock, Dean Academy.
Karl Bruder, Williston Seminary.
George Chickering, Lawrence Academy.
Edward Small, Mt. Hermon.

COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT

For the first time the graduates of the Commercial Department of the Keene High School have had the Office Practice course given during their fourth year in school. This course includes a short course in filing, a study of the various office machinery which the pupils would be likely to use after graduation, a study of the duties expected of a stenographer, clerk, or secretary; and the practice on such machines as the school has at the present time. These machines include forty type-

writers, of three different makes, two Rotary Neostyles, one a very old machine, and one Barrett adding machine. I would recommend the purchase of a bookkeeping machine of some standard make to add to the equipment, as there is a growing demand for operators in this city.

This class has furnished "stenographers" for the school office during the school year who have done much of the correspondence of the office, as well as much other clerical work.

A large amount of duplicating work has been done by the class and the department for the school, over a hundred thousand sheets of work having been turned out. It has also produced an immense amount of typewritten work, doing all the copy for the school paper among other things.

Each morning a copy of the absence list of the school is made by a pupil and this is duplicated, about thirty copies being required, and a copy is delivered to each room in the school.

During this last year the typewriting department has sent teams to Springfield, Mass., and to Laconia, to compete in typewriting contests, thus stimulating interest in becoming more proficient on the machines. Good showings were made in both contests and in Springfield a first place accuracy prize was taken by one of our pupils.

The department has been housed in four rooms, one of which is quite small and necessitates crowding quite a good deal, as there are not enough desks to accommodate all the pupils in some of the classes.

The teachers in this department are all interested in their work, are working hard to better themselves and their department. They are all members of the New Hampshire Commercial Educators' Association, whose meetings they have attended.

Typewriting Awards won from March 1928 to February 1929:

Underwood Typewriter Company:

- 1 Pearl Medal (70 words a minute) won by Myrtle Atherton.
- 2 Gold Medals (60 words a minute) won by Myrtle Atherton and Adrienne Blain.
- 7 Silver Medals (50 words a minute).
- 23 Bronze Medals (40 words a minute).
- 32 Primary Certificates (30 words a minute).

Remington Typewriter Company:

- 1 Jewel Medal (70 words a minute) won by Myrtle Atherton.
- 6 Gold Medals (55 words a minute) won by Josephine Scarborough, Harold Beckwith, Pauline Sargent, Myrtle Atherton, Ella Gauthier, Shirley Randel.
- 23 Silver Medals (40 words a minute).
- 58 Primary Certificates (30 words a minute):

Royal Typewriter Company:

- 2 Advance Certificates (60 words a minute) won by Myrtle Atherton, Adrienne Blain.
- 8 Gold Medals (50 words a minute).
- 23 Silver Medals (40 words a minute).
- 30 Primary Certificates (30 words a minute).

New Hampshire Business Educators Association, Typewriting Contest. Honorable Mention: Myrtle Atherton, Josephine Scarborough, Ella Gauthier, Shirley Randel.

One-minute Accuracy Test: Myrtle Atherton won second place by writing 94 words a minute.

Connecticut Valley Commercial Teachers' Association, Typewriting Contest. Myrtle Atherton won a silver cup. She wrote 84 words a minute, perfect in a one-minute accuracy test.

COMMERCIAL CLUB ACTIVITIES

The Commercial Club is the largest club in school. Its membership is near the two hundred mark this year. Thus far, we have had:

(1) A speaker talk to us on Thrift, and the Value of keeping Savings Accounts, no matter how small.

(2) An original skit illustrating right and wrong methods of selling.

(3) A film showing how the business of the American Telephone Co. is conducted.

At present we are working on a commercial play which is to be presented at the March meeting.

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Over three hundred and seventy-five from the three upper classes have been enrolled in this department this year. A new phase of work introduced last September was the offering of elective courses in Dramatics, Platform-Reading, Debating and General Work to students who had satisfactorily completed one year of Public Speaking. Besides the regular class study of voice work, theoretical and practical speech training several special projects have been taken up.

DEBATING

Out of a class of fifteen members thirteen took part in tryouts for debating teams. Two teams of three members and one alternate each, were chosen at the tryouts. The judges at that time were Dr. Adams, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs Randall, head of English department; and Miss Stewart, a history teacher. Plans are being made to hold debates with other schools in the near future. The question for discussion this year is the McNary-Haugen Bill.

SPEAKING CONTEST

A Speaking Contest, open to all pupils who are enrolled in a Public Speaking Class, and sponsored by the Public Speaking Club, will be held near the last of March. This is to be a local public contest. - The Club is offering worthwhile prizes to the boy who gives the best ten minute original speech and to the

girl who gives the best ten minute character reading. There has been a considerable increase of interest shown in the contest over that shown last year.

DRAMATICS. PLAY-WRITING CONTEST

Five members of the Dramatics classes have entered the New England Play Writing Contest, sponsored by the Tuberculosis Association. This is held for the purpose of increasing interest in health work and incidentally gives excellent training from the dramaturgical standpoint. The plays must deal with some phase of health, and written according to the rules of a good one act play. The play finally chosen will be presented before the school before entered in the State and New England Contest.

ENGLISH

The "Contract Plan" or the "Maximum, Average and Minimum Assignment Plan" has been in use by the English Departments during the last year. This plan takes into account the individual differences of pupils and allows each pupil to progress at a rate dependent entirely upon his own initiative and ability. The pupil knows what the minimum amount of work for passing actually is and exactly how much credit will be given for it. He also knows that the only way to increase his knowledge and standing is to do more and better work. Thus there is always an incentive to all classes of pupils to work harder. The gifted pupil is never wearied with waiting for the average pupil to catch up with him, neither is the slower pupil discouraged by assignments which he cannot possibly do.

This plan has worked out well thus far and much enthusiasm is aroused by the various "jobs" or contracts which the student volunteers to do.

This plan is also being used by the Commercial, Mathematical, Science, History, Mechanic Arts, and Home Economics Departments.

CONTESTS

The English department each year sponsors a Lincoln Prize Medal Contest for the best essay written by any member of the school on Abraham Lincoln. This medal was won in 1928 by Eleanor Kew. The pupils are at present working on this year's contest. Several pupils are writing original plays the best of which is to be entered in the state health contest for original dramas.

ENTERPRISE

The Keene High School "Enterprise," which is published six times a year, owes its success to the fact that each number is now a Feature Number. The Enterprise represents largely the original literary work of the English pupils. The stories, editorials, essays, poems and book reviews published are the results, for the most part, of theme assignments in the class room which have passed the inspection of the editor and the faculty of the English department.

CHEMISTRY

In Chemistry, the practical side is emphasized as much as possible. Several projects have been undertaken and carried out to successful conclusion. The following, amongst others, have aroused considerable interest:

Analysis of city water for impurities commonly found in water.

Preparation of grape sugar from sawdust, cotton cloth and starch.

Preparation of soap.

Preparation of alum from clay procured from a local clay bank.

Coating paper with blue print solution, drawing stencils and using the paper thus prepared.

Many other processes illustrative of industrial chemistry are carried out, incidental to experiments performed in the study of the subject.

About 25 posters showing the relationship of chemistry to every day life were prepared by the pupils.

PHYSICS

During the past three years, a great effort has been made to do work in physics which would be practical, and at the same time, sufficiently technical in nature, to prepare able students for the college entrance examinations. No pupil who has taken these examinations has failed to pass.

The fact that many of the boys and girls will never enter college has not been overlooked. It has been the aim of the department to present the subject in a way that would impress and fascinate. Technical formulae have not been neglected, but much emphasis has been placed on practical points which will be remembered long after the former are forgotten. In later life, the pupils of today are coming in contact with the gas engine, the automobile, the airplane, radio equipment and electrical appliances to an ever increasing extent. The department is well aware that something must be accomplished which will be permanent value. Much use has been made of class room and lecture room demonstrations.

New equipment has made it possible to do much valuable work in the field of electricity and light. A complete steam-electric power plant, in a miniature, enables work to be done in many practical electrical and mechanical problems, as well as to show the transformation of the five forms of energy. A modern foot-candle meter makes it possible to send students to all parts of the building to determine whether or not those parts are adequately illuminated.

Motion pictures are proving wonderfully instructive, especially in the science club which is one of the active school organizations. Films from all fields of human endeavor are doing much to supplement the class room work and to enrich the knowledge of our young people who are especially interested in science.

The aim of the department is to give the pupils a preparation for life in the rudiments of physical science—to make them an asset in industry, scientific in the home, scientific in their methods of thought and consequently more useful and better Americans.

HISTORY DEPARTMENT

It has been the aim of the history department to make history a subject of cultural as well as utilitarian value. We are educating boys and girls for their leisure hours as well as for their hours of labor. Besides giving them a thorough training based on the text books, other projects have been undertaken. The contract system of work has been used throughout the history department in which the student has been encouraged to do additional work for which he receives credit.

An interest in reading historical novels and poetry has been created as a result of the contract method. In the History of Civilization, European, and Ancient History courses, illustrated notebooks have been made, featuring certain periods of history. In the English History course contemporary book reviews on recently published works on English history have been studied and commented on; also a travelogue of England and Scotland, based on Stoddard's Lecture Series, has been undertaken, and illustrated booklets dealing with this subject have been admirably executed. A study of costumes and how they reflect the life of the times has been made. The study of Greek Architecture has afforded an excellent opportunity to awaken in the student an interest in the subject of architecture and the subject has been thoroughly looked into by the students under the direction of the instructor.

In the American History department during the election period campaign speeches were given in the class room and thus the issues of the election were clearly brought out. Court trials have been held to illustrate the American Court procedure.

Probably most important of all is the fact that history has been studied not as a chain of events, but rather the biographical nature of it has been stressed, and a careful analysis of the achievements, weaknesses, and motives of prominent men has been made by the students. From this character analysis many lessons in practical social ethics have been obtained.

The practical value of historical study has also been emphasized. These courses serve to shed a new light on other subjects in the curriculum and enable the student to see their relation to world progress and achievement. The value of history to statesmen, orators, lawyers, generals, and authors has also been stressed.

In conclusion, the motto of the history department has been that "we study the past in order that we may better understand the present, and in a measure foretell the future."

HOME ECONOMICS

The Home Economics Department is located at the Academy House. The subjects in this course include: Textiles and Clothing, Foods and Nutrition, The Family and Its Members, and The House and Its Care.

In the Textiles and Clothing class the projects completed are: 2 household articles, 2 sets of underwear, made over problem, gift problem, and smocks for next year's cooking class.

In the Foods and Nutrition class foods have been preserved by canning, pickling, jellies and jams. Three meals and a tea have been given.

In the House and Its Care class, house plans have been studied and made. A folder, "An Ideal House" has been completed by each pupil. This includes: house plans, individual floor plans with the furnishings placed, and cost of furnishings estimated.

In the Family and Its Members class, budgets have been studied, historic development of house reviewed, and now home nursing is being studied.

In each class at least two hours a week on home projects are required.

New equipment installed this year is:

Electric refrigerator (frigidaire).

Cooking utensils.

Bulletin board.

MECHANIC ARTS

During the last six years an attempt has been made to more adequately equip the shops. The forge room equipment has been increased by the installation of two forges and an exhaust system. The machine shop has been rearranged and new machinery has been purchased as follows: five lathes, a universal milling machine, a shaper, and an upright drill. The pattern shop has had but very little added in the shape of equipment except six small benches. With the purchase of additional machine shop equipment, it was necessary to move three wood-turning lathes and a band-saw from the machine shop, and a small addition was erected four years ago, in which were installed, two years later, the following additional wood-working equipment: a jointer, variety saw, surfacer, morticing machine, and a combination disc and spindle sanding machine. The drawing room was moved from the basement of the High School building proper, and located in room 29A upon the completion of the High School addition.

Our department, I understand, is now the second largest in New Hampshire, and with this rapid increase in growth, we have long since outgrown our present quarters, and another year I would earnestly recommend that steps be taken to improve this condition.

I feel that our course renders a real service to the community and offers valuable training for not only the boy going out into life to take his place in industry immediately after graduation, but also to the boy who wishes to enter an engineering school or college. Several of our boys are now pursuing engineering courses in college and I understand that the report of

their work is very gratifying. In fact, several of the boys have spoken to me praising their High School preparation, and one boy now in his sophomore year at New Hampshire University, stated that if he had had a course "built to order," his preparation could not have been better.

We at all times correlate the work of our course with science and mathematics, the importance of which are stressed, and I am glad to state that a very large percentage of our boys elect advanced courses in these subjects, as shown in the following table:

SENIOR CLASS—Mechanics Arts Department

Total No. of Seniors, 32

	Alg. I	Geom. II	Math. III	Math. IV	Phy.	Chem.
No. of Pupils						
Electing Subjects,	32	31	27	20	30	12
% of Pupils						
Electing Subjects,	100%	97%	84%	63%	94%	38%

For the past two years we have had a parents' night in May and great interest has been shown by the citizens of Keene in the work of the department. On these occasions the boys work on their projects and the school is conducted just as it is during a regular session. The projects shown are intensely practical and among the exhibits last year was the power hacksaw made entirely by the boys, through the various stages of drawing, pattern-making, and machine work.

In summary I would state that the work of the department is going on successfully but with enlarged quarters the work another year should be even more successful, through permitting of an increase of efficiency and greater choice of subject matter.

GRADUATES OF THE KEENE HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS 1928**CLASSICAL COURSE**

John Richard Barry	Charlotte Ruth Phelps
Merle Ellis Collins	Martin Ceory Powers
Hazel Irene Darling	Ilmi Anna Saari
Margaret Eva Lamothe	Mildred Bertha Whipple
Sonja Linnea Nilson	Barbara Page Wilber

GENERAL COURSE

Hazel Elizabeth Bemis	George Edward Legrenade
Millard Stanton Bemis	Robert Chester McClenning
Karl Clayton Bruder	Edward Copeland Merrill
Carmen Evelyn Buskey	Roger Bruce Mitchell
George Henry Chickering	Russell Durward Mitchell
Harry William Howard Dial	Francis Joseph O'Brien
Hannah Keyes Ellis	Elizabeth Slocombe
Margaret Arlene Farrar	Edward Pierce Small, Jr.
Evelyn Towne French	Howard Ellis Wheelock
Robert Cushing Greene	Beatrice Arlene Wilcox
Natalie Louise Hale	Ernest Leon Woodbury
Eleanor Taft Kew	Norman Arthur Wright

SCIENTIFIC COURSE

Gordon Roundy Ayer	Aubrey Warren Rogers
Richard Eugene Callahan	Ellis Russell Spaulding
Elmer Adolph Mackey	John Erwin Walstrom

COMMERCIAL COURSE

Eva Emily Barile	George Robert Goodrich
Myrtle Shaw Atherton	Helen Frances Hayes
Harold Vincent Beckwith	Marion Annette Johnson
Ivan Raymond Beckwith	Pearl Margaret Kelly
Malcolm Green Beverstock	Florence Geneva Lane
Florence Lucy Britton	Lena Medvidofsky
Josephine Eileen Cassidy	Mildred Louise Neal

Francis Coty	David Joseph Nicholls
Louise Adeline Dompier	George John Odette
Orlando Joseph Dostillio	Nellie Mahitable Pickering
Mary Teresa Fitzgerald	Shirley Ethelle Randel
Mary Margaret Foley	Paul Edward Rivers
Laura Ella Gauthier	Janet Mary Rousseau
Theresa Rosamond Gilbo	Pauline Ada Sargent
Clara Alice Giovannangeli	Thelma Elberta Spring
Pauline Susan Sweet	Bertha May Wright
Mabel Anna Thompson	Carl Orren Wright
Viola Nellie Thompson	Dorothy Stone Hodge
Freda Nellie Wheeler	

HOME ECONOMICS COURSE

Hilda Blombach	Barbara Mary Martin
Flora Inez Ide	Charlotte Rosamond Scripture
Bertha Ida Williams	Doris Grace Warner
Margaret Ellen Laffond	

MECHANIC ARTS COURSE

Lawrence Elmer Aldrich	Lewis Prescott Johnson
Raymond Hastings Barrett	William Irvin Millington
Casper Crowningshield Bemis	Clayton Louis Perreault
Prentice Smith Bemis	William Joseph Properzio
Henry Watson Bent	James Gorman Small
Horace Good-Day Betts	Robert Donald Smith
Harold Ellsworth Bridge	Lynwood Wyman Snow
Richard Carleton Cameron	Charles Whitecomb Taylor
Harris Edward Clark	Richard Orville Upton
Alfred Thomas Grimes	Elmer Calvin Wyman

The extra curricular activity plan began last year is working well. No student in the school is now without some activity and no student is overloaded with activities.

The Otis Intelligence Test was given to the Senior Class early in the year. The average for the class, while not quite so

high as that of last year's Senior Class, was still somewhat above the average for the state. Standard Tests in Arithmetic and English were also given.

Excellent work in Music is being done by the Chorus, Orchestra and Band. Keene may well be proud of the good work of these young musicians under the supervision of Mr. Davis and Mr. Beedle.

The Harvard Book Prize was awarded to Carleton Brett; the Exchange Club Cup for Improvement to Viola Thompson and the cup for athletic prowess to Robert Greene.

The report of High School Athletics is given elsewhere. Financially it appears that baseball, hockey and track are losing propositions, while football and basketball more than support themselves. If our basketball team goes to Durham we shall probably close the year with a surplus of about \$500.00. This represents the careful savings of several years.

Again I desire to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Superintendent and School Board for their hearty support of this school and its policies.

WILLIS O. SMITH,
Headmaster.

MEDICAL INSPECTION FROM SEPTEMBER 1928 TO MARCH 1929

Medical inspection of all schools have been made as usual. Every child present has been given a complete physical examination and report of any defect found sent to parent or guardian.

Some corrective work has been done but we still have a great many remedial defect which have not been corrected because of financial conditions.

A great many children have had tonsils and adenoids operations through the generosity of "The Ladies Charitable Association" which has made a tonsil clinic possible.

We wish to thank all the teachers for their hearty co-operation. We also extend thanks to the Elliot Community Hospital, Rotary Club, Ladies Charitable Society and Medical Profession for their never failing interest and help.

Defects found in last examination:

Number of children examined,	2,502
Cardiac,	39
Speech,	17
Skin,	125
Tonsils,	125
Defective Breathing,	57
Glands,	194
Teeth,	412

Legally excused from vaccination, .	82
Unvaccinated, without legal excuse,	18
Pediculosis,	42

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. PRATTE, M. D.,

School Physician.

ELIZABETH DAVEY, R. N.,

School Nurse.

REPORT OF SCHOOL DENTIST

The Dental clinic is still functioning two periods a week. So many of the urgent cases have been taken care of in former years that we have been able to concentrate on our younger children. This naturally is the ideal way to accomplish our program of good teeth for every child.

The following report of work that has been done in the past year:—

Teeth cleaned and examined,	53
Teeth filled,	156
Teeth treated,	75
Extractions of teeth with novocaine,	60

The above figures show large discrepancies between last year's report and this. The reason for this is because of the many and long treatments which have had to be made on the teeth of many of the children.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH J. PARKER,
School Dentist.

REPORT OF THE ATTENDANCE OFFICER TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

For the Year 1928-1929

Number of cases investigated,		163
Illegally kept out of school,	10	
Truants and found on the street,	36	
Sickness,	54	
Illness in family,	14	
Working and returned to school,	1	
Left Keene,	8	
Lack of proper clothing,	11	
Completed eight grades or over 16,	1	
Moved to Keene and not attending,	3	
Married,	1	
Not vaccinated,	2	
Tardy,	9	
Other causes,	13	
	163	

DON J. WILLIAMS,
Attendance Officer.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS OF SCHOOL POPULATION AND SCHOOL MONEY

Years	No of schools	No. of teachers.	ANNUAL ENUMERATION. (Children of school age.)			School membership: (total number of different pupils.)	Average attendance.	Per cent membership of enumeration.	Per cent attendance of membership.	Total amount school money raised. †	Average amount per pupil of school membership.
			Boys	Girls	Total						
1877-78	20	23	543	511	1,054	1,107	883	105.0	79.8	\$12,025.18	\$10.86
1878-79	20	23	492	463	955	1,115	882	116.6	79.1	10,510.32	9.43
1879-80	22	25	494	513	1,007	1,205	943	119.6	78.4	12,242.93	10.16
1880-81	22	25	520	513	1,033	1,196	876	115.8	78.3	13,040.59	10.90
1881-82	22	26	602	585	1,187	1,204	916	101.4	76.1	12,997.09	10.80
1882-83	22	26	491	570	1,061	1,172	914	110.1	78.0	13,912.05	11.09
1883-84	22	26	506	503	1,009	1,174	925	116.4	79.0	12,121.39	10.33
1884-85	22	26	507	502	1,009	1,183	953	117.2	81.0	15,112.35	12.81
1885-86	22	26	528	476	1,004	1,161	912	115.6	78.6	14,147.92	12.19
1886-87	18	23	529	466	995	872	692	87.7	79.4	12,036.06	13.80
1887-88	19	23	555	515	1,070	891	709	83.2	79.5	15,609.83	17.52
1888-89	20	25	599	489	1,088	964	748	88.6	77.6	16,802.88	17.43
1889-90	20	25	559	469	1,028	969	724	94.2	74.7	16,941.81	17.48
1890-91	20	26	538	408	1,006	1,015	778	100.9	76.7	16,951.71	16.70
1891-92	20	26	518	504	1,022	1,021	772	100.0	75.6	17,825.76	17.46
1892-93	19	25	553	476	1,035	1,055	811	101.9	77.8	16,884.10	15.96
1893-94	20	24	527	485	1,012	1,155	904	114.1	78.4	16,592.00	14.37
1894-95	22	26	610	503	1,013	1,162	921	104.4	79.3	15,362.26	13.22
1895-96	23	29	548	523	1,071	1,195	948	111.5	79.3	18,739.15	15.68
1896-97	23	30	617	540	1,157	1,221	1,001	105.5	82.0	19,185.49	15.53
1897-98	24	32	642	666	1,308	1,385	1,002	105.8	79.6	18,405.75	13.29
1898-99	24	35	537	586	1,123	1,402	1,103	124.8	88.7	22,580.81	16.10
1899-00	25	38	678	717	1,395	1,408	1,164	100.9	82.7	21,203.21	15.06
1900-01	25	39	673	751	1,424	1,464	1,053	102.8	71.9	20,633.02	14.09
1901-02	25	40	730	796	1,526	1,476	1,198	96.7	81.2	24,557.08	16.63
1902-03	25	41	751	783	1,534	1,494	1,197	97.4	80.1	24,197.72	16.20
1903-04	26	53	809	840	1,649	1,768	1,367	107.2	77.3	25,992.00	14.70
1904-05	28	55	889	890	1,779	1,656	1,324	93.1	79.9	25,960.00	15.67
1905-06	28	56	915	927	1,842	1,632	1,327	89.0	81.3	29,292.50	17.95
1906-07	28	57	913	934	1,847	1,645	1,316	88.9	80.0	30,992.50	18.84
1907-08	28	56	859	979	1,838	1,632	1,340	88.9	82.1	33,851.50	20.74
1908-09	29	56	845	1027	1,872	1,666	1,395	89.0	83.8	33,877.50	20.24
1909-10	29	56	888	974	1,862	1,674	1,342	89.3	80.0	32,672.50	19.52
1910-11	29	56	882	1003	1,885	1,672	1,429	88.7	86.0	34,642.50	20.72
1911-12	28	56	875	1044	1,919	1,678	1,437	88.0	85.0	37,367.50	22.27
1912-13	28	56	900	1063	1,963	1,740	1,463	88.6	84.1	41,307.50	23.74
1913-14	40	60	906	1063	1,969	1,742	1,481	88.4	84.9	49,722.50	28.54
1914-15	40	54	1037	985	2,022	1,822	1,558	90.0	85.5	53,523.81	29.37
1915-16	41	57	1010	976	1,986	1,969	1,536	99.1	78.0	54,037.10	27.44
1916-17	42	64	1020	1025	2,045	1,930	1,526	94.3	84.0	56,822.50	29.44
1917-18	42	59	1010	1050	2,060	1,933	1,551	93.8	80.2	82,484.23	42.67
1918-19	42	57	1063	1111	2,174	2,085	1,493.7	95.4	71.1	91,583.58	43.74
1919-20	42	60	1148	1186	2,334	2,209	1,700.63	94.6	76.9	118,253.25	53.53
1920-21	43	71	1167	1223	2,390	2,120	1,801	88.0	85.0	133,582.76	63.01
1921-22	46	75	1171	1244	2,415	2,134	1,942	88.0	91.0	146,932.09	68.85
1922-23	50	81	1218	1276	2,494	2,176	2,043	87.2	93.9	140,380.00	64.51
1923-24	42	65	1194	1108	2,302	2,071	1,905.3	89.9	92.0	140,505.00	67.84
1924-25	42	61	1094	1124	2,218	2,287	2,171	103.0	94.9	151,055.00	66.05
1925-26	42	59	1161	1188	2,349	2,234	2,103	95.1	94.1	156,655.00	70.12
1926-27	43	59	1236	1237	2,473	2,383	2,261	96.3	94.9	167,055.00	70.10
1927-28	45	62	1285	1248	2,533	2,444	2,361	96.4	65.0	170,255.00	69.66

* Below High school grade.

† Not including amounts raised for evening schools nor for new buildings or sites.

REPORT OF FIRST SEMESTER, 1928-1929

Central Junior High School:

Number of pupils in Commercial Course,	214
Number of pupils in French Course,	43

Enrollment by ages:

Number under 14 years of age,	155
Number between 14 and 16 years of age,	94
Number enrolled over 16 years of age,	8
Average membership,	239
Average attendance,	228
Percent of attendance,	95

Franklin Junior High School:

Number of pupils in Commercial Course,	73
Number of pupils in French Course,	0
Number enrolled under 14 years of age,	53
Number enrolled between 14 and 16 years of age,	19
Number enrolled over 16 years of age,	1
Average membership,	68
Average attendance,	65
Percent of attendance,	95

Symonds Junior High School:

Number of pupils in Commercial Course,	44
Number of pupils in French Course,	0
Number enrolled under 14 years of age,	22
Number enrolled between 14 and 16 years of age,	21
Number enrolled over 16 years of age,	1
Average membership,	41
Average attendance,	39
Percent of attendance,	96

ENROLLMENT OF ELEMENTARY, JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOLS

	Boys	Girls	Total
High School:			
I Year,	102	109	211
II Year,	86	94	180
III Year,	74	88	162
IV Year,	60	79	139
Post Graduates,	4	3	7
	326	373	699
Central Junior High:			
7th Grade,	69	54	123
8th Grade,	67	67	134
	136	121	257
Franklin Junior High:			
7th Grade,	20	17	37
8th Grade,	13	23	36
	33	40	73
5th Grade,	21	18	39
6th Grade,	20	14	34
	41	32	73
Symonds Junior High:			
7th Grade,	13	6	19
8th Grade,	14	11	25
	27	17	44

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	Boys	Girls	Total
1st Grade,	20	13	33
2nd Grade,	17	15	32
3rd Grade,	9	14	23
4th Grade,	13	10	23
5th Grade,	12	12	24
6th Grade,	12	8	20
	83	72	155
Washington:			
1st Grade,	18	18	36
2nd Grade,	22	12	34
3rd Grade,	18	14	32
4th Grade,	13	13	26
	71	57	128
Tilden:			
1st Grade,	20	13	33
2nd Grade,	11	18	29
3rd Grade,	14	11	25
4th Grade,	13	9	22
5th Grade,	11	17	28
6th Grade,	19	13	32
	88	81	169
Fuller:			
1st Grade,	15	12	27
2nd Grade,	6	7	13
3rd Grade,	6	8	14
4th Grade,	8	6	14
	35	33	68
Cleveland:			
1st Grade,	6	13	19
2nd Grade,	8	12	20

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	Boys	Girls	Total
3rd Grade,	6	5	11
4th Grade,	6	6	12
5th Grade,	3	9	12
	29	45	74
Lincoln:			
1st Grade,	26	24	50
2nd Grade,	16	20	36
3rd Grade,	12	14	26
4th Grade,	22	12	34
5th Grade,	21	17	38
6th Grade,	9	14	23
	106	101	207
Roosevelt:			
1st Grade,	23	20	43
2nd Grade,	14	17	31
3rd Grade,	12	13	25
4th Grade,	10	11	21
5th Grade,	8	17	25
6th Grade,	14	17	31
	81	95	176
South Keene:			
1st Grade,	4	3	7
2nd Grade,	3	1	4
3rd Grade,	3	4	7
4th Grade,	4	4	8
5th Grade,	4	1	5
6th Grade,	2	2	4
	20	15	35

Wheelock:	Boys	Girls	Total
Kindergarten,	19	13	32
1st Grade,	37	30	67
2nd Grade,	23	21	44
3rd Grade,	21	19	40
4th Grade,	19	24	43
5th Grade,	23	14	37
6th Grade,	23	17	40
	165	148	303

Four Corners:			
1st Grade,	1	1	2
2nd Grade,	1	1	2
3rd Grade,	1	0	1
4th Grade,	0	2	2
5th Grade,	1	2	3
6th Grade,	1	1	2
7th Grade,	2	2	4
8th Grade,	0	3	3
	7	12	19

Total enrollment in the Elementary Schools,	1,407
Total enrollment in the Junior High Schools,	374
Total enrollment in the Senior High School,	699

2,480

Total Registration 1927-1928,	2,423
Total Registration 1928-1929,	2,480
Gain over last year,	57

SUMMARY OF GRADES

Kg.	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	PG	T
Boys:														
19	170	121	102	108	104	100	104	94	102	86	74	60	4	1248
Girls:														
13	147	124	102	97	107	86	79	104	109	94	88	79	3	1232
Total:														
32	317	245	204	205	211	186	183	198	211	180	162	139	7	2480

KEENE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**REPORT OF ATTENDANCE**

(First Semester 1928-1929)

High School:

Total enrollment, 1928-1929,	699
Average membership,	668
Average daily attendance,	643
Average percent of attendance,	96

Junior High School:

Total enrollment, 1928-1929,	374
Average membership,	349
Average daily attendance,	333
Average per cent of attendance,	95

Elementary Schools:

Total enrollment, 1928-1929,	1407
Average membership,	1245
Average daily attendance,	1185
Average per cent of attendance,	95

SUMMARY OF JUNE REPORT FOR FIVE YEARS

	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928
Whole number registered,	2,012	2,204	2,157	2,297	2,360
Boys,	987	1,082	2,082	1,149	1,175
Girls,	1,025	1,122	1,075	1,148	1,185
*Number under 5 years of age,	44	26	13	26	18
*Number between 5-8 years,	329	402	417	434	517
*Number between 8-14 years,	1,020	1,168	1,038	1,065	1,091
*Number between 14-16 years,	354	413	411	439	438
*Number over 16 years,	265	195	241	333	296
Average attendance,	1,430.64	1,847.91	1,891.65	2,011.71	2,069.79
Average absence,	118.36	98.56	117.33	108.13	108.24
Average membership,	1,549	1,946.47	2,008.98	2,119.84	2,178.33
Percent attendance,	92	94.93	94.15	94.90	95.01
**Pupils not absent nor tardy,	34	110	116	149	177
Tardiness,	1,445	1,616	1,952	2,022	2,483

* Attended two weeks—represents a net registration.

**1924—Low on account of epidemic of measles.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER, 1928-1929

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand March 10, 1928,	\$12,834.58
Received from city treasurer,	218,287.00
Dog tax,	1,611.95
High School tuition,	12,956.97
Rent of Greenlawn St. house,	420.00
Sale Symonds School Bldg,	4,505.00
Sale of gas stove,	10.00
Academy House operation,	300.00
Manchester Club for lights and janitor,	3.00
Y. M. C. A., use H. S. gymnasium,	50.00
Kingsbury Mfg. Co., use H. S. gymnasium,	20.00
Peterboro-Troy, use of H. S. gymnasium,	10.00
West Keene School, use of telephone,	4.44
	\$251,012.94

EXPENDITURES

	Total Expenditures	General Expense	High School	Elementary Schools
Administration:				
Salaries of district officers,	\$1,450.00			
Superintendent's excess salary,	1,900.00			
Truant officer and census,	577.71			
Expenses of administration,	2,360.30	\$6,288.01		
Instruction:				
Principal's and Teacher's salaries,	97,122.03	\$49,650.00	\$47,472.03	
Textbooks,	2,578.36	1,426.94	1,151.42	
Scholar's supplies,	4,689.15	3,177.27	1,511.88	
Flags and appurtenances,	60.06	11.25	48.81	
Other expenses of instruction,	91.55	79.07	12.48	
Operation and Maintenance of School Plant:				
Janitors' salaries,	9,535.78		3,152.36	6,383.42
Fuel,	7,992.20		2,149.80	5,842.40
Water, light and janitor supplies,	3,270.51		1,891.20	1,379.31
Minor repairs and expenses,	7,120.56		2,422.55	4,698.01

Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities:

Health supervision,	2,592.25	2,592.25
Transportation of pupils,	3,792.00	3,792.00
Payment of tuition,	37,612.28	37,612.28
Other special activities,	773.06	751.89
		21.17

Fixed Charges:

Insurance,	2,019.03	2,019.03
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Outlay for Construction and Equipment:

Land and new buildings,	122.46	
New equipment,	6,136.30	6,258.76

Debt and Interest and other Charges:

High school addition bonds,	10,000.00	
Roosevelt building bonds,	5,000.00	
Lincoln school addition bonds,	5,000.00	
Symonds and Tilden School bonds,	13,000.00	33,000.00

Payment of Interest on Debt:

High school addition bonds,	2,762.50	
Roosevelt building bonds,	875.00	
Lincoln school addition bonds,	318.75	
Coolidge lot note,	682.50	
Symonds and Tilden School bonds,	3,591.25	8,230.00

	Total Expenditures	General Expense	High School	Elementary Schools
Tax for State Wide Supervision:				
Evening School:	4,352.00	4,352.00		
Academy House:	287.32	287.32		
Taxes Greenlawn Street House:	225.12	225.12		
Rent Keene Academy:	46.06	46.06		
Miscellaneous:	680.00	680.00		
	57.83	57.83		
Total payment for all purposes,	\$238,673.92	\$61,444.13	\$64,712.33	\$112,517.46
Cash on hand March 10, 1929,	12,339.02			
	\$251,012.94			

PROPERTY BELONGING TO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

The area of lots and valuation of lands and school houses in the City of Keene, belonging to Union School District, is as follows:

	Area of Lot Square Feet	Valuation	
		Land	Buildings
High school,	73,500	\$19,500.00	\$250,000.00
Junior High school,	28,400	6,100.00	60,000.00
Tilden school,	19,850	625.00	35,000.00
Fuller school,	14,850	300.00	4,000.00
North Washington school,	22,675	470.00	3,000.00
Roosevelt school,	64,500	3,000.00	50,000.00
Washington school,	61,235	7,275.00	20,000.00
Franklin school,			20,000.00
Lincoln school,	32,080	900.00	40,000.00
Wheelock school,	59,020	1,500.00	40,000.00
Cleveland school,	2,100	525.00	5,000.00
Symonds school,	261,120	9,100.00	65,000.00
Suburban school buildings,			10,000.00
	639,330	\$49,296.00	\$608,000.00

Total area, 378,210 square feet or 8.7 acres.

Total valuation:

Lands,	\$49,296.00
Buildings,	602,000.00

Total valuation,	\$651,296.00
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BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

ROOSEVELT SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, LOAN OF 1921

Due	Rate of Interest	Amount Due
1929	5 per cent	\$5,000 00
1930	"	5,000 00
1931	"	5,000 00
		\$15,000 00

HIGH SCHOOL BONDS, LOAN OF 1924

Due	Rate of Interest	Amount Due
1929	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent	\$10,000 00
1930	"	10,000 00
1931	"	10,000 00
1932	"	10,000 00
1933	"	10,000 00
1934	"	10,000 00
		\$60,000 00

LINCOLN SCHOOL BONDS, LOAN OF 1925

Due	Rate of Interest	Amount Due
1929	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent	\$5,000 00

SYMONDS AND TILDEN SCHOOL BONDS, LOAN OF 1927

Due	Rate of Interest	Amount Due
1929	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent	\$13,000 00
1930	"	13,000 00
1931	"	13,000 00
1932	"	13,000 00
1933	"	13,000 00
1934	"	13,000 00
		\$78,000 00

Total bonded indebtedness of Union School
District,

\$158,000 00

COOLIDGE LOT NOTE, \$19,500.00.

In favor of City of Keene, dated Oct 2, 1911, due October 1, 1961, interest at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, payable April 1st and October 1st.

REQUIRED ANNUAL REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION TO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

I. Budget (School Money):

Amount of money needed for support of schools and for statutory requirements (See Laws).

CITY OF KEENE

Administration:

	Total Estimates	High School	Elementary Schools
Salaries of Board of Education,	\$240.00		
Salaries of other district officers,	1,210.00		
Superintendent's excess salary,	1,900.00		
Expenses of administration,	2,500.00		
Truant officer and school census,	600.00		
		\$6,450.00	

Instruction:

Principal and teachers' salaries,	93,000.00	\$47,500.00	\$45,500.00
Text books and scholars supplies,	7,500.00	4,500.00	3,000.00
Flags and appurtenances,	25.00		25.00
Evening school,	450.00		450.00
			100,975.00

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	Total Estimates	High School	Elementary Schools
Operation and maintenance:			
Janitor service,	9,900.00	3,500.00	6,400.00
Fuel,	7,900.00	2,100.00	5,800.00
Water, Light and janitor supplies,	3,100.00	1,800.00	1,300.00
Minor repairs of building,	7,000.00	- 2,000.00	5,000.00
		27,900.00	
Auxiliary Agencies, Special Activities:			
Health supervision,	2,550.00	500.00	2,050.00
Transportation,	3,750.00		3,750.00
Normal School, Elem. school tuition,	32,500.00		32,500.00
Other special activities,	500.00	400.00	100.00
		39,300.00	
Fixed Charges:			
Insurance,	1,100.00		
Rent, Academy property,	680.00	680.00	
		1,780.00	
			\$62,980.00
Outlay for construction and equipment:			\$105,875.00
New Equipment,	2,000.00		
		2,000.00	
Debt Service:			
Payment Roosevelt School building notes,	5,000.00		
Payment High School building notes,	10,000.00		

	Total Estimates	High School	Elementary Schools
Payment Lincoln School building notes, Payment Symonds and Tilden build- ing notes,	5,000.00		
Interest Roosevelt School, building notes,	13,000.00		
Interest High School building notes,	625.00		
Interest Lincoln School building notes,	2,337.50		
Interest Symonds and Tilden build- ing notes,	106.25		
Interest Coolidge note,	3,038.75		
New Hampshire per capita tax,	682.50		
Total of all requirements,		39,790.00	
		4,482.00	
			\$222,677.00

II. Requirements to meet Budget:

(a) For support of elementary schools,	\$105,425.00	
(b) For support of high school,	62,980.00	
(c) For support of evening school,	450.00	
(d) For expenses of administration,	6,450.00	
(e) For insurance,	1,100.00	
		\$176,405.00

III. Assessment Required:

(See I & II)

1. (a) Statutory requirements:		
\$3.50 tax on equalized valuation of \$22,160,760.00,	\$77,562.66	
(b) Additional sum needed,	98,842.35	
		\$176,405.00
2. Outlay for construction and equipment:		
New equipment,	\$2,000.00	
		\$2,000.00
3. Statutory requirements:		
(a) For the payment of the per capita tax,	\$4,482.00	
		\$4,482.00
(b) For the payment of debt:		
Roosevelt building notes,	\$5,000.00	
High school building notes,	10,000.00	
Lincoln school building notes,	5,000.00	
Symonds and Tilden School building notes,	13,000.00	
		\$33,000.00

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(c) For the payment of interest:	
Roosevelt building notes,	\$625.00
High school building notes,	2,337.50
Lincoln building notes,	106.25
Symonds and Tilden building notes,	3,038.75
Coolidge notes,	682.50
	\$6,790.00
Total of all requirements,	
	\$222,677.00

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

(SCHOOL WARRANT)

Cheshire, ss.

To the inhabitants of Union School District in the City of Keene, qualified to vote in school district affairs:

You are hereby notified and warned to meet at High School Hall in said District, on Thursday, the Twenty-eighth Day of March, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine, at 8 o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator for the ensuing year.

ART. 2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To hear the report of the treasurer, and take any action thereon deemed necessary.

ART. 4. To elect one or more members of the board of education.

ART. 5. To elect a treasurer of the district and one or more auditors.

ART. 6. To see what sum of money, if any, the district will vote to raise and appropriate, in addition to the sum required by law, for the support of schools, for the repair and equipment of school houses; to pay the board of education; to pay the agent of the district; to pay the treasurer of the dis-

trict; to pay the auditor of the district; to pay the truant officer; to pay insurance on school buildings; to pay for water service; to pay for rent of the Dinsmore property; to pay all other statutory obligations of the district.

ART. 7. To see if the district will vote to authorize the board of education to make a contract between the district and the State of New Hampshire to succeed the contract expiring July 1, 1929.

ART. 8. To see if the district will vote to acquire a lot for a new High School Building for Mechanic Arts, either by purchase or lease, or to appoint a committee with power to acquire the same, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

ART. 9. To see if the district will vote for a special committee of three, of whom two shall be members of the board of education, to be appointed, with the power and duty of causing to be erected and furnished a suitable high school building for Mechanic Arts on any lot which may be now held or hereafter acquired by the district for school purposes, and raise and appropriate money for such building and its equipment.

ART. 10. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal at Keene, this 11th day of March, 1929.

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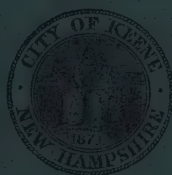
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OFFICERS OF UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

ROBERT T. KINGSBURY	Moderator
WILTON H. SPALTER	Clerk
HAROLD I. CHANDLER	Treasurer
GEORGE H. SHERWIN	Auditor

BOARD OF EDUCATION

	Term Expires
JOHN J. COLONY, 104 West St.	1928
ADOLF W. PRESSLER, 24 Beaver St.	1928
HARRY C. SHAW, 120 Beaver St.	1928
ROBERT T. KINGSBURY, 110 Court St.	1929
WILLIAM H. WATSON, 92 Court St.	1929
CARRIE E. WHITCOMB, 133 School St.	1929
MRS. A. B. NIMS, 17 Federal St.	1930
ROY M. PICKARD, 40 North Lincoln St.	1930
WALTER M. HUBBARD, 33 Fairview St.	1930

Regular meetings of the Board are held at the High School Building on the second Monday of each month, except August, at 7.30 P. M.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

ROBERT T. KINGSBURY	President
MRS. A. B. NIMS	Secretary
WILLIAM H. WATSON	Agent

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STANDING COMMITTEES

High School—Messrs. Watson, Colony, Shaw, Miss Whitcomb,
Mrs. Nims.

Elementary Schools—Messrs. Pickard, Watson, Miss Whitcomb.

School Buildings—Messrs. Pressler, Kingsbury, Hubbard.

Academy Property—Messrs. Kingsbury, Pressler, Mrs. Nims.

Finance—Messrs. Colony, Pickard, Hubbard.

Health—Messrs. Shaw, Pressler, Miss Whitcomb.

Evening School—Messrs. Shaw, Hubbard, Mrs. Nims.

Athletics—Messrs. Kingsbury, Colony, Watson.

Other Activities—Messrs. Pickard, Kingsbury, Miss Whitcomb.

Under the contract with the State of New Hampshire, the Wheelock, Central Junior High and the Four Corners Schools are now under the management of the State.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

To the Citizens of Union School District:

The sixty second annual report of the Board of Education is presented herewith, together with the report of the Treasurer and the budget estimate for the ensuing year. Included are the reports of the Superintendent, Headmaster of the High School, Physical Education and Health Departments, Attendance Officer and Supervisors, all of which are commended to your careful consideration.

It is interesting to note that the rapidly increasing school costs during the past ten years, since the war, were halted last year. The cost per pupil was slightly less than the preceeding year and present indications are that there should be no appreciable change during the present year. The board feels that this has been accomplished without the sacrifice of efficiency or progress.

The continued growth of the city is apparently evidenced by an increased average membership in the schools of 123 more than a year ago. These figures show the wisdom of the district in adding two rooms to the Tilden Building during the past summer and in the construction of the new Symonds building at West Keene, which will be ready for use next fall. With these added rooms no serious congestion seems probable during the coming year. The Symonds Building, now nearing completion, should be one of the most attractive and efficient units of our school system when completed and the ample grounds graded. With eight classrooms, manual and domestic arts rooms, and an adequate assembly hall it should well serve that locality for a long period of years.

Attention is particularly called to the headmaster's report of the unusual record of our High School graduates in colleges

and other advanced schools during the past eight years. Of the 248 graduates who have entered these institutions in that period, not one has failed during the first semester, a most enviable and unusual record which we must strive to continue.

Commencing last fall, the development of the Physical Education plan has been completed and every grade in the city is now included in the program under the direct supervision of the director or his assistant, with at least one weekly visit from them.

The board makes grateful acknowledgment of the Rotary Club for its generous provision of instruments and uniforms for the High School Band and to Mr. Karl R. Beedle for his year of almost daily service in organizing and training the band without compensation. With the feeling that the organization has met the hearty approval of the citizens and that it is a valuable asset to the city as well as to the school, the board feels fortunate in now being able to secure Mr. Beedle's services as regular director for another year.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF EDUCATION,

Robert T. Kingsbury, Pres.

CENTRAL OFFICE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

KEENE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

17 Washington Street

Wm. C. T. Adams, Superintendent Schools, Union School District, 17 Washington St. Telephone 1020.

Office hours: School Days 8 to 9 A. M. and 4 to 5 P. M.,
Saturdays 9 to 12.

Stella A. Thomas, Secretary to the Superintendent, 17 Washington Street, Tel. 1020.

Office hours: School Days 8 to 12 and 1.30 to 4.30, Saturdays 8 to 12.

A. A. Pratte, School Physician, 10 Center St.

Mrs. M. Elizabeth Davey, R. N., School Nurse, 55 Wilder St.

Ralph J. Parker, School Dentist, 48 Main St.

Don J. Williams, Truant Officer, Colony Block.

HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1927-1928

Fall Term. September 6—December 16.

Winter Term. January 2—March 23.

Spring Term. April 2—June 15.

GRADE SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 6—December 16.....	15 Weeks
January 2—February 24	8 Weeks
March 5—April 20.....	7 Weeks
April 30—June 15	7 Weeks

NO SCHOOL STORM SIGNAL

Three blasts on whistles of Sprague & Carleton, Keene Woodenware Co., Keene Glue Company and New England Box Company as follows:

8.05—No forenoon session.

11.05—One session. Grades above the second will remain in school until 1 o'clock.

1.05—No afternoon session.

LIST OF TEACHERS

William C. T. Adams, Superintendent of Schools, A. M. (Harvard and Minnesota) M. S. (Upper Iowa University) Ph. D. (Taylor) L. L. D. (Highland).

HIGH SCHOOL

NAME	WHERE EDUCATED	ASSIGNMENT
Willis O. Smith, A. B.	Dartmouth College	Headmaster
Charles R. Dresser	Salem Comm. College	Commercial Subjects
Elwin Damon	Bridgewater Normal School	Science
Harold F. Drew, A. B., A. M.	Middlebury College	Athletics
Caroline Griffith, B. S.	Brown University	Athletics
Robert E. Watkins, B. S.	University of N. H.	Mathematics
Leland E. Tufts	Tufts College	Manual Arts
Forest J. Hall, A. B.	Dartmouth College	Manual Arts
Ethel L. Cowles, B. S.	University of N. H.	Household Arts
Harry W. Davis	Amherst College	Music
Dorothy Atwood Randall, A. B.	Smith College	English
Helen Klein, A. B.	Radcliffe College	French
Carroll H. Lowe, B. S.	University of N. H.	Science
Mary B. Clough	Keene Normal School	Commercial
Karl Karsian, A. B.	Harvard College	History
Ruth W. Skillings, A. B.	Boston University	Latin
Ruth Belknap, A. B.	Boston University	Public Speaking
Margaret G. Connolly	Bay Path Institute	Commercial Subjects
Clara F. Leining, A. B.	Boston University	History
Eleanor B. Sullivan, A. B.	Boston University	French & Spanish
Donald W. Penley, B. S.	University of Maine	Mathematics
Edna M. Tuttle, A. B.	Colby College	English
Mildred Gutferson, A. B.	University of Vermont	Biology
Robertine Howe, A. B.	Bates College	English
Ernestine Strehle, A. B.	Radcliffe College	English
Dorothy E. Small, A. B.	Radcliffe College	History
Milan H. Johnson	Foster School	Manual Arts
Sybil Carroll, B. S.	Boston University	Commercial

CENTRAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

NAME	WHERE EDUCATED	ASSIGNMENT
Edwin S. Huse, B. A.	Wesleyan University	Principal, Civics
Frank H. Blackington, Jr., A. B.	Bates College	French
Samuel W. Thomas, B. E.	R. I. College of Education	Science
Roy V. Terrill	Keene Normal School	Manual Arts
John Mason, B. S.	University of Maine	Athletics
Amy T. Tenney	Keene Normal School	Penmanship, Geography
Della E. Davis	Bridgewater Normal School	Arithmetic
Laura G. Fitzgerald	Keene Normal School	History
Marjorie O. Beach	New Britain Normal School	Algebra, Geometry
Edith Carleton, B. S.	Boston University	English
Marguerite E. McQuaide, M. A.	Kent State Teachers College	Sewing, Cooking
Harriet Burr, B. S.	Simmons College	Home Economics
Muriel Cox	Mass. School of Art	Drawing
Amy Hale, M. A.	Oberlin College	Hygiene
Louise Norton, B. S.	University of N. H.	Cooking, Sewing

FRANKLIN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Stanley E. Howes, Principal	Mass. Agricultural College	Grade 8
Vivian Vaughn	Arcadia College	Grade 7
M. Alice Jones, Prin. of Building	Bridgewater Normal College	Grade 6
Madyline Foley	Keene Normal School	Grade 5

SYMONDS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Rachel Dushuttle, Principal	Fitchburg Normal School	Grades 7-8
Helen Brown	Keene Normal School	Grades 5-6
Alyce C. Stevens	Keene Normal School	Grades 3-4
Bessie H. Lane	Fitchburg Normal School	Grade 2
Ethel Myers	Keene Normal School	Grade 1
Annie Snow, Assistant		

CITY OF KEENE

WASHINGTON SCHOOL

Blanche Bacon, Principal
 Roma Twitchell
 Alice M. Lord
 Louise A. Aldrich

Keene Normal School
 Keene Normal School
 Keene Normal School
 Keene Normal School

Grade 2
 Grade 4
 Grade 3
 Grade 1

TILDEN SCHOOL

Flora E. Applin, Principal
 Marion Stone
 Dorothy Mannion
 Hazel G. Rogers
 Dorothy Carroll
 Ruth Brown

Keene Normal School
 Keene Normal School
 Plymouth Normal School
 Keene Normal School
 Keene Normal School
 Keene Normal School

Grade 6
 Grade 5
 Grade 4
 Grade 3
 Grade 2
 Grade 1

FULLER SCHOOL

Margaret V. Thompson
 Marguerite O'Leary

Keene Normal School
 Keene Normal School

Grades 3-4
 Grades 1-2

CLEVELAND SCHOOL

*Ruby Ladd, Principal
 Edith Matthews
 Essie Twitchell, Assistant

Keene Normal School
 Keene Normal School

Grades 4-5
 Grades 1-2-3

LINCOLN SCHOOL

Mertie Powers, Principal
 Iva M. Record
 Mary C. Ward
 Amy C. Haskell
 Harriet Bryer
 Marion Hutchinson

Plymouth Normal School
 Keene Normal School
 Keene Normal School
 Keene Normal School
 Keene Normal School
 Keene Normal School

Grade 6
 Grade 5
 Grade 4
 Grade 3
 Grade 2
 Grade 1

ROOSEVELT SCHOOL

Mildred Foster, Principal
 Ismay Estey
 Katherine O'Keefe
 Iva M. Rideout
 Beryl M. Dunn
 Estella Tower

Plymouth Normal School
 Keene Normal School
 Plymouth Normal School
 Keene Normal School
 Keene Normal School
 Keene Normal School

Grade 6
 Grade 5
 Grades 3-4
 Grade 2
 Grade 1
 Kindergarten

WHEELLOCK SCHOOL

Bertha Twining, Principal
 Bessie M. Jeffry
 Gertrude Merriam
 Mabel Fisher
 Theresa Hogan
 Bertha Davis
 Margaret Little

Lowell Normal School
 Keene Normal School
 Keene Normal School
 Keene Normal School
 Keene Normal School
 Keene Normal School
 Wheelock's Kindg. School

Grade 6
 Grade 5
 Grade 4
 Grade 3
 Grade 2
 Grade 1
 Kindergarten

SOUTH KEENE SCHOOL

Pearl Loiselie

Keene Normal School

Grades 1-6

FOUR CORNERS SCHOOL

*Arlene Green Goodnow
 Doris Minah

Keene Normal School
 Keene Normal School

Grades 1-8
 Grades 1-8

SUPERVISORS

Flora G. Shurtleff
 Gladys Doane
 A. W. Pressler

Am. Institute of Normal Methods
 Framingham Normal School

Music and Drawing
 Domestic Arts
 Manual Arts

JANITORS

High School
 High School, Assistant Janitor
 Junior High
 Lincoln
 Washington and Franklin
 Tilden
 Roosevelt
 Fuller
 Symonds
 Cleveland
 South Keene
 Wheelock

James Faulkner
 John Wilson
 Walton West
 J. H. Thompson
 Lewis Campbell
 H. H. Spaulding
 Edward W. Abbott
 W. W. Weeks
 Adin Hall
 J. H. Jones
 Chas. F. G. Eaton
 James Hassett

12 Washington St.
 20 Fowler St.
 25 Russell St.
 30 North Lincoln St.
 33 Page St.
 36 Green St.
 39 Knight St.
 302 Court St.
 598 West St.
 60 Davis St.
 534 Marlboro St.
 16 Willow St.

*Resigned.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Board of Education, Keene, N. H.

Ladies and gentlemen:

I herewith submit my seventh annual report as superintendent of Keene Union District.

It contains only such statistical data as is necessary for making out reports. It deals briefly with school conditions and information necessary for an understanding of school affairs.

It includes recommendations of the superintendent and reports from the heads of the different departments.

There has been progress in all lines of endeavor and an increased enrollment in all grades except the sixth. This increase is noticeable in the primary grades and the high school.

The teacher load,—distribution of pupils—is quite evenly divided. Attendance has been very good for the first semester. There have been no epidemics in our schools.

THE TEACHING STAFF

In the elementary schools there were but few changes this year. The new teachers have done good work. Three new teachers were employed at the Tilden School. Miss Ruth Brown in Grade I; Miss Dorothy Mannion in Grade 4; Miss Marion Stone in Grade 5. Miss Ruth Rideout was elected to fill the position of Miss Goldie Myers in the Roosevelt School, Miss Estella Tower was elected to fill the position of Miss Katherine Gale in the Roosevelt School, Miss Iva Record to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Miss Hazel Davis in Lincoln School. Mr. Paul Pearson and Miss Helen Weare both resigned from Franklin Junior High School to accept positions else-

where. Mr. Stanley Howes, graduate of Amherst Agricultural College, and Miss Vivian Vaughn of Arcadia College were elected to fill the position. Mrs. Fred Snow was secured as an additional teacher at Symonds. Madelyn Foley was elected to fill vacancy in fifth grade at Franklin, Ruth Blandin resigned.

The morale of the teachers is excellent. Besides the usual course given by the superintendent, nearly all have registered in the Harvard-Boston University course given by Dr. Latshaw of Harvard. Nearly all are members of New Hampshire State Teachers' Association and a goodly number have joined the National Educational Association. Cooperation has never been better.

I recommend that the school board requires of candidates for High School positions, hereafter the pre-requisites in education, sixteen hours of pedagogy. This is in accordance with the recommendations of Commissioner Butterfield. All our leading colleges have a department of education where these conditions can be met. Any student who is desirous of teaching should prepare for the work.

FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Owing to largely increased attendance during the past few years—and the addition of fourteen new school rooms during the past seven years, it has become difficult for one supervisor to give proper attention to both music and drawing in the elementary schools. The State Board of Education, by a new ruling, now requires of Supervisors two years of post secondary work in each subject, and I therefore recommend that a Supervisor be engaged for each subject.

As is customary, it seems probable that increased attendance will require some adjustments and possibly additional teachers. This is especially true at the Roosevelt School where there will apparently be an enrollment of over fifty in the third and fourth grades. In this case, I recommend the employment of another teacher.

The completion of the new Symonds School in West Keene and the increasing attendance there will probably necessitate changes in the division of grades. As the board has already considered these in its plans for the building no additional recommendations are necessary at this time.

I recommend that the same arrangement be continued in reference to physical training in the grades, as at present. The director and his assistant spending part of their time supervising the grades.

In this connection I recommend that another period be added to the dental clinic, two periods are not being sufficient to care for the needed work. Preservation of teeth is an important factor in health and growth and aids in scholarship.

KEENE EVENING SCHOOL

The evening school this year has had the smallest number of pupils in a number of years. Keene has really no illiterates between 16 and 21 and very few foreigners have come to us during the past four or five years. I do not see any sufficient reason for maintaining an evening school under these conditions.

MUSEUM

Keene High School has a very good museum, in fact, as good a one as any high school in the country, in a city of the size of Keene. I have felt for sometime that this part of our school system is not used as much as it should be. Visualized education is good pedagogy. "Seeing is believing." I recommend that more use be made of this valuable collection.

IMPROVEMENTS

In conformance to the school board's plans Tilden school has been made a six room building, one teacher to a grade. The addition brings the school up-to-date in every respect.

Many minor improvements have been made; the more important are the new floors in Central Junior High School, ceilings in the Franklin and grading the grounds at Wheelock.

The new school building at West Keene is in process of construction and when completed this building will be one of the finest buildings in the city.

The buildings are all in first class condition due to the vigilance of the building agent and efficient janitors.

There are a number of pupils scattered through the grades who are below normal and can not profit by the regular school work. A special school should be provided which would consist mostly of manual work. This school would require a specially trained teacher. The time that teachers must give to these pupils should be given the normal and superior pupils. I recommend that the school board give this question due consideration and if necessary to appoint a special committee to work with the superintendent and school nurse to decide on some plan for a vocational school.

REPORT OF SCHOOL VISITS, ADDRESSES AND OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

March	115	October	144
April	94	November	115
May	102	December	64
June	70	January	130
September	209	February	107

Attended 14 Parent Teacher Association meetings.

Held 14 Teacher's Meetings.

Addressed Red Men.

Attended 3 Superintendents' Conferences.

Modern education is reflected in a happy childhood. Educators still believe in and stress the "Three R's" but there is an abundance of material for motivation.

Children were never better trained than they are to-day. The "new education" has brought about the Junior High School, which is a trying out school and which allows some homework, some departmental teaching, preparatory to entering high school.

Modern education includes Manual Arts, medical inspection, dental clinics, standardized testing, proper heating and ventilating.

Art subjects are stressed and a well-balanced course in physical training is provided.

In all the above points Keene schools check favorably with the program laid down by the State Board of Education and the Bureau of Educational Standards.

At this point I wish to thank the School Committee, principals, supervisors and all the organizations that have cooperated in making Keene Schools, the best.

WILLIAM C. T. ADAMS,

Superintendent of Schools.

March 1, 1928.

REPORT OF DOMESTIC SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

This year the girls have done the regular amount of sewing and cooking. The beginners have learned to do fine hand sewing by making neat white aprons, caps and holders for cooking. The older classes have planned and served several meals to their parents, teachers and members of the school board.

Special dinners were served at Christmas and Thanksgiving. Their sewing work consists of making underwear, dresses, some articles for the house, sewing patches and darning.

We have a new cooking room at Tilden school in which the girls take much pride. They have made curtains for the doors and windows to make their room more attractive and homelike.

I would like to thank the Superintendent, parents, and teachers for their fine cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

GLADYS M. DOANE.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

To the Superintendent of Schools:

This report covers the physical education program of the Union School District for the past year.

The development of physical education in Keene in the past four years is rather interesting. Four years ago there was no department of physical education. Some work in the field was being done by the teachers in the grades; and in the High School, the boys playing football and baseball, with occasional sporadic interest in track. There was no girls' athletics. That year basketball for the boys and girls of the High School was introduced, practice and games being held at the Y. M. C. A. gym. The following year the splendid High School gym was made available and gymnasium classes were started for all students in the two lower classes of the High School. Basketball quickly became a major sport, the girls being given an equal opportunity with the boys in the use of the gym. Ice hockey was introduced and made an auspicious start. Baseball, track and tennis teams were organized for the girls in the spring.

Last year, the physical education program was extended to take in the junior high schools of the city, each student being given one hour of instruction per week in the school gymnasium. Football, basketball and baseball were played by the boys of the junior highs and field hockey, soccer and basketball by the girls.

This year the program has been further expanded and now takes in every child in the school district, from the first grade through the second year of high school.

Every grade in the city is reached once a week by the instructor of the department. Calisthenics, plays and games, and health habits are taught, height and weight measurements are taken, and tests of vision and hearing conducted.

The skeleton organization of the program is now complete, and another year should find a well rounded out system of physical education in effect.

The athletic work of the high school last spring properly completed a five years of sports. The baseball team lost but two games, both to Concord, undefeated state champion. The track team won its dual meets, and made its highest score in the state meet at Manchester, finishing fifth.

Last fall the football team developed slowly, but rallied to make a fairly successful season, winning four and losing five games. No team scored over two touchdowns against them.

The basketball team is entirely new, with the exception of Capt. Barry, but it is playing fast ball, having won seven games out of ten to date, and being a strong contender for tournament honors at Durham in March.

The ice hockey team, made up almost entirely of sophomores and freshmen, is putting up a fine exhibition of the game, under the direction of Coach Robert E. Watkins, of the High School faculty. They were nosed out in the final round for the tri-state tournament championship at Bellows Falls.

The girls' work this year is under the direction of Miss Caroline Griffiths, a graduate of Brown University. She is also in charge of the physical training work in the first four grades of the grammar schools. The girls' field hockey team played four games last fall, losing two to Gardner High, and breaking even with the Normal School. Gardner continued to be a jinx in basketball, winning both games this year from the girls. The girls have to date won five games and lost three.

I desire to express my appreciation of the continued interest of the Board of Education in physical education; also to Dr. Adams and Prin. Smith for their whole-hearted and enthusiastic support of the program as a whole, as well as for the

particular section which fall directly under their respective supervision.

The department continues to be most closely and interestingly allied with the school health department, and the spirit of co-operation as personified by Dr. Pratte and Mrs. Davey could not be bettered.

I cannot consider any report of the athletic department as complete without mention of the deeply appreciated work of Dr. Weston, who has given so freely of his time and services to the athletes of the school.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. DREW,
Director of Physical Education.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC AND DRAWING

I hereby submit my report as Music and Drawing Supervisor.

The Supervisor makes weekly visits to most of the schools, alternating music and drawing. Two schools are visited twice a month, both subjects being taught on these visits. The work is kept uniform as far as possible.

Under the present system, thirty minute periods are given in the first three grades, forty minute periods in the upper grades. All periods should be forty minutes, but with the present system with one Supervisor, it is impossible to fit these periods into the school week.

Music in the First Grade is taught by rote. Individual singing is used to help give the children confidence and poise, and to help the monotones.

Rote songs are continued through the Second Grade. The last part of the year some theory work is taken up. They are taught the note values. Scale work, by imitation and board work, begins.

The Third Grade still has rote songs and continues with note values. Rest values and sight singing by syllables are taken up the last part of the year. Also time signatures.

Much theory work is done in the Fourth Grade. The children are taught how to find the names of the keys from the sharp and flat signatures. The use of note and rest values, time and key signatures, are greatly stressed through the upper grades. Sharp and flat chromatics are introduced the last part of the Fourth Grade, and continue through the rest of the grades.

Rote songs for special seasons, etc., are still used. Two part songs are introduced by rounds, the syllables and words, and continue through the upper grades.

Chorus work is introduced in the Junior High Schools. The book of "Golden Songs" is used, as it has a good collection of the old songs. The children enjoy singing these old favorites.

Drawing: In the First and Second Grades the pupils learn to use their pencils, crayons, paste and scissors. There cannot be too much free hand cutting and drawing in the lower grades. Some pattern work is done.

In the Third and Fourth Grades the study of color is emphasized. The pupils are taught color combinations, etc., poster and construction work, measuring, and story illustrations are some of the things done. Very little pattern work is done.

In the Fifth and Sixth Grades the work is more complicated. Booklets and folders are made. Printing is stressed. Border and all-over pattern work is done. The fall and spring flowers are painted free hand.

The work in the Junior High Schools is carried along the same lines, only on a more advanced way. Poster work and printing is emphasized.

Recommendations: The set of Progressive Music Books have been used a number of years. Some were replaced this year but more are needed next year. The Ginn & Co. books I use as supplementary work.

The schools are well equipped with the Progressive Music Series, of which I heartily approve, having studied this method thoroughly. I have tried to faithfully carry out the work as planned in these books, and have applied this method as far as possible, that our musical standing may compare with other cities.

The Supervisor wishes to thank all her teachers for their hearty cooperation, and to the superintendent for his help and advice in her problems.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORA G. SHURTLEFF,

Supervisor of Music and Drawing.

REPORT OF THE HEADMASTER

KEENE HIGH SCHOOL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The registration in the High School this year shows an increase of 21 over that of last year. Boys 306. Girls 364. Total 670.

They are enrolled as follows; First Year 219, Second Year, 163, Third Year 159, Fourth Year 125, Post Graduates 4.

The entering class was drawn from the following sources:

Central Junior 85, Franklin Junior 24, St. Joseph's 18. Symonds Junior 14, Four Corners 5, Repeating 10. Other accredited schools 63.

Our tuition pupils number 178 enrolled. Swanzey sends 62, Fitzwilliam 24, Westmoreland 14, Troy 20, Surry 7, Richmond 6, Nelson 6, Harrisville 11, Marlow 4, Sullivan 5, Dublin 2, Spofford 1, Alstead 2, Chesterfield 1, Gilsum 6, Tamworth 2, Wentworth 1, Wilmot 1, Acworth 2, Lempster 1.

From this number 18 have been taken from the tuition list, either because of moving into Keene, moving to some other town or leaving school so that there are at present 160 actual tuition pupils paying at the rate of \$81.83 each per school year.

There are 97 pupils in the Classical Course, 262 in the Commercial, 79 in the Home Economics, 142 in the Mechanic Arts, 51 in the Scientific, 49 in the General.

The per cent attendance was 96.14. The number of tardinesses per pupil .8. The average number of pupils per teacher 28.

From the graduating class of 111, 45 pupils 40 per cent of the entire class entered college or normal school. Not a sin-

gle pupil had any preparation other than offered by this school. Not a pupil failed during the first half year and the comments from colleges were extremely favorable.

The complete list follows:

Florence Aliber, Simmons.
Robert Calef, Middlebury.
Mary Carpenter, Simmons.
Harry Lichman, Boston University.
John Small, Tufts.
Margaret Carey, Skidmore.
Lucien Aldrich, N. H. University.
Lawrence Ballou, N. H. University.
Frederick Delude, N. H. University.
Francis Donovan, N. H. University.
Henry Davis, N. H. University.
Paul Emery, N. H. University.
Eleanor Gleason, N. H. University.
John Gleason, N. H. University.
Charles Hanna, N. H. University.
Henry Lane, N. H. University.
Richard Gay, N. H. University.
Alexander Mason, N. H. University.
Harold Nims, N. H. University.
Barbara Smith, N. H. University.
Gerry Whitcomb, N. H. University.
Lona Williams, N. H. University.
Harold Arnold, Keene Normal.
Mildred Angier, Keene Normal.
Zelma Ballou, Keene Normal.
Evelyn Boyden, Keene Normal.
Esther Boyden, Keene Normal.
Frank Bushey, Keene Normal.
Marion Carey, Keene Normal.
Charlotte Colby, Keene Normal.
William Connor, Keene Normal.

Elizabeth Fairbanks, Keene Normal.
Alma Farinoli, Keene Normal.
Laura Greene, Keene Normal.
Vera Hamblett, Keene Normal.
Marion Harvey, Keene Normal.
Frederick Holbrook, Keene Normal.
Pia Magnani, Keene Normal.
James McGinness, Keene Normal.
Eva Olmstead, Keene Normal.
William Philbrick, Keene Normal.
Lois Pitcher, Keene Normal.
Madelyn Sargent, Keene Normal.
Claudia Sykes, Keene Normal.
Lucille Underwood, Keene Normal.
William Vadeboncoeur, Keene Normal.
Violet White, Keene Normal.
Edith Bemis, Keene Business Institute.
Mabel Beers, Hospital Training.
Marion Davis, Hospital Training.
Lorna Elwyn, Physical Culture.
Charlotte Jones, Hospital Training.
Louis Hall, Keene Business Institute.
Patricia Henry, Hospital Training.
Harold Stevens, Springfield Business College.
Myrtle White, Hospital Training.
Hazel Williams, Hospital Training.

It is interesting to note that for the last eight years at least, and probably for a much longer period, not a single unfavorable comment has been made by any college concerning the preparation or record of Keene High pupils. During these eight years, 248 graduates of our school have entered college or normal school directly from the Keene High School without any further preparation whatsoever. Not one of these failed during the first year, which is as long as the college holds the preparatory school responsible. Four have obtained Phi Beta

Kappa rank, and many others have made an enviable record in their work.

The Harvard Book Prize was awarded to Martin Powers; the Exchange Club cup for improvement to Marion Carey and the cup for athletic prowess to Norman Perreault.

Miss Ruth Belknap was engaged as teacher of Public Speaking and Debates. Credit for graduation must now be obtained in these subjects by satisfactory work during the Junior and Senior years. Each pupil will have at least one period per week for two years devoted to this work.

There have been numerous class debates and speaking exercises during the year. At present speakers are being selected for the State Contest on Public Speaking at Durham and also for the Debate soon to take place with the Brattleboro High School. Very good work has been done in this department during its first year of operation and the prospects are bright for the future.

The School Board has sanctioned a plan proposed to control and evaluate extra-curricular activities. These activities have always been more or less present in live High Schools and only needed proper organization and administration to realize their full potential helpfulness. There are at present 14 different extra-curricular activities in the Keene High School. Football, Baseball, Basketball, Hockey, Track, Band, Orchestra, Latin Club, Science Club, Home Economics Club, Mechanics Arts Club, Public Speaking Club, Commercial Club, French Club. Besides these there are other organizations and opportunities for doing work for the school, such as class officers, editors of Enterprise or Year Book, Outside Music, Committee work, Hobbies, Jobs or Worthy Projects.

The idea behind the entire movement is to so control these different activities that no set of pupils shall monopolize the honors or any individual pupil be allowed to carry or participate in more than his rating in school warrants. Also to encourage the retiring and unassuming pupil to participate to

some degree in the various activities which permeate every school system.

A plan has been carefully worked out which gives promise of success and its progress will be carefully watched and workings noted.

Our school as usual has done excellent work in music under the able direction of Mr. Davis. The chorus work is excellent and the orchestra maintains its fine record of previous years. The band under the direction of Mr. Beedle has made wonderful progress and is a credit to any institution. The Rotary Club has lately presented the band with a complete set of uniforms and we may confidently look forward to its increasing usefulness.

I desire to extend my sincere appreciation to the Superintendent of Schools and the School Board for their helpful suggestions and support in advancing the policies of the school.

WILLIS O. SMITH,
Headmaster.

GRADUATES OF THE KEENE HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS 1927

CLASSICAL CURRICULUM

Frances L. Beverstock	Ruth E. Jones
Mary E. Carpenter	Charles W. Perry
Clarence W. Farr	Barbara Platts
Florence N. Fuller	Lucille L. Underwood
Marian D. Harvey	Hazel N. Williams
Marion C. Holden	Lona G. Williams

COMMERCIAL CURRICULUM

Florence J. Aliber	Nellie Kingsbury
Annie Crehan Amadon	Nelson W. Martin
Zelma A. Ballou	Elphege J. Martineau
Mabel E. Beers	Fred J. Merrill
Christine A. Blake	Alyce K. O'Brien

Joseph R. Bruce	Alice M. O'Leary
Mildred E. Bushey	Rachel Pratt
Vivian Orrie Buswell	Minnie P. Roy
Donald G. Davis	Corrine R. Safford
Elizabeth M. Fairbanks	Madeleine B. Sargent
Edmund F. Fleming	Anna C. Savage
Doris L. Gorges	Edith Marion Sewall
Laura J. Greene	Floyd G. Shaw
Margaret P. Henry	Fred L. Stillings
Charlotte Jones	Harold W. Stevens
Hazel Makin	Hazel V. Willard
Flora M. Marcoux	May A. Yardley

HOME ECONOMICS CURRICULUM

Mildred I. Angier	Virginia A. Ide
Edith E. Bemis	Pia Magnani
Arlene K. Carroll	Mary E. Olmstead
Charlotte J. Colby	Helen C. Phillips
Alma B. Farinoli	Violet A. White
Vera L. Hamblet	

SCIENTIFIC CURRICULUM

Robert Gay Calef	Harold B. Nims
Francis R. Donovan	Elton N. Roberts
Richard L. Gay	Edson G. Whitecomb, Jr.
Louis A. Hall	

MECHANIC ARTS CURRICULUM

Harry W. Arnold	Floyd J. McArthur
Ernest Chase	James J. McGinness
Bertram C. Clukay	Francis D. Park
William P. Connor	Norman H. Perreault
Henry A. Davis	William Hunt Philbrick
John R. Doak	Willis E. Reynolds
Herbert H. Eames	George E. Rix

John R. Gleason
John E. Gurnsey
Walter S. Hall
Hiram C. Hills
Roger W. Hunt
Niilo A. Mattson

Marvin H. Russell
Leroy P. Stone
Hollis V. Stillings
William J. Vadeboncoeur
Charles J. Woods
Howard G. Yon

GENERAL CURRICULUM

Lucien B. Aldrich
Evelyn May Barton
Esther M. Boyden
Ferne I. Buntlin
Frank B. Bushey
Marion E. Carey
Dorris A. Darling
Marion W. Davis
Eleanor Gleason
Marion N. Harvey

Annie M. Johnson
Henry C. Lane
William F. Martin
Blake Pitcher
Lois A. Pitcher
John T. Small
Barbara F. Smith
Margaret H. Watkins
Myrtle I. White
Mary Wilson

MEDICAL INSPECTION FROM SEPTEMBER 1927 TO MARCH 1928

Medical inspections of all schools have been made as usual. Every child present has been given a complete physical examination and report of any defect found sent to parent or guardian.

A great deal of corrective work has been done and a marked improvement has been noted in the physical condition of the children.

Health and personal hygiene are being taught in an attractive manner by means of a "Temple of Health" in which each child must take part. The health program is closely allied and dove-tailed in with the work of Miss Griffith and Mr. Drew in physical education.

Medical examinations in our schools bring to light many mental defects as well as physical. These children are as greatly in need of special attention as any child who may have a physical defect. This cannot be given them in the usual routine of the ordinary class room. Most of these children's mental capacities do not go beyond the fourth grade. Consequently when they leave school at the age of sixteen they are not fitted to earn their livings. Most of these children can be taught to use their hands and many of them become very desirable citizens after having vocational training. I would like to recommend that we give these children an equal chance with the normal children so that when they leave our schools they will be a useful addition to society and our city.

Defects found in last examination:

Number of children examined,	2358
Excused at parents request,	0
Cardiac,	46
Pulmonary,	10
Speech,	15
Skin,	72
Posture,	31
Orthopedic,	52
Tonsils,	125
Adenoids,	?
Defective Breathing,	88
Cervical Glands,	128
Tyroid,	100
Teeth,	439
Legally excused from vaccination,	97
Unvaccinated without legal excuse,	38
Pediculosis,	68

We wish to thank all the teachers for their hearty co-operation and support.

We also extend thanks to the Elliot Community Hospital, Rotary Club, Ladies Charitable Society, Medical Profession, District Nurses, Miss Gage and Mr. Nims for their help and interest.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. PRATTE, M. D.,
School Physician.

ELIZABETH DAVEY, R. N.,
School Nurse.

REPORT OF SCHOOL DENTIST

The work of the Dental Clinic is going on as usual and a great deal of work has been accomplished. A great many more children are willing to take advantage of the clinic and we have a long waiting list. Therefore I recommend that the Board seriously consider a third period for dental work. There are a great many more children in the schools now than there have been in previous years and both parents and children are learning the advantage of early care of the teeth.

The following is a report of the work that has been done:

Teeth cleaned and examined,	232
Teeth filled,	304
Teeth treated,	32
Extractions of teeth with novocaine,	34

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH J. PARKER,
School Dentist.

REPORT OF THE ATTENDANCE OFFICER TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

For the Year 1927-1928

Number of cases investigated,		158
Illegally kept out of school,	15	
Truants and found on the streets,	24	
Sickness,	64	
Sickness in the family,	11	
Lack of proper clothing and shoes,	17	
Found working and returned them to school,	3	
Left Keene,	6	
Completed eight grades or over 16,	1	
Moved to Keene and not attending,	6	
Married and not attending,	2	
Tardiness,	3	
Not vaccinated,	6	
Total,	158	

DON J. WILLIAMS,
Attendance Officer.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS OF SCHOOL POPULATION AND SCHOOL MONEY

Years	No. of schools *	No. of teachers.	ANNUAL ENUMERATION. (Children of school age.)			School membership: (total number of different pupils.)	Average attendance.	Per cent membership of enumeration.	Per cent attendance of membership.	Total amount school money raised †	Average amount per pupil of school membership.
			Boys	Girls	Total						
1877-78	20	23	543	511	1,054	1,107	883	105.0	79.8	\$12,025.18	\$10.86
1878-79	20	23	492	463	955	1,115	882	116.6	79.1	10,510.32	9.43
1879-80	22	25	494	518	1,007	1,205	945	119.6	78.4	12,242.93	10.16
1880-81	22	26	520	513	1,033	1,196	876	115.8	73.3	13,040.59	10.90
1881-82	22	26	602	585	1,187	1,204	916	101.4	76.1	12,997.09	10.80
1882-83	22	26	491	570	1,061	1,172	914	110.1	78.0	13,912.05	11.09
1883-84	22	26	506	503	1,009	1,174	925	116.4	79.0	12,121.39	10.33
1884-85	22	26	507	502	1,009	1,183	958	117.2	81.0	15,112.35	12.81
1885-86	22	26	528	476	1,004	1,161	912	115.6	78.6	14,147.92	12.19
1886-87	18	23	529	466	995	872	692	87.7	79.4	12,036.06	13.80
1887-88	19	23	555	515	1,070	891	709	83.2	79.5	15,609.83	17.52
1888-89	20	25	599	489	1,088	964	748	88.6	77.6	16,802.88	17.43
1889-90	20	25	559	469	1,028	969	724	94.2	74.7	16,941.81	17.48
1890-91	20	26	538	408	1,006	1,015	778	100.9	76.7	16,951.71	16.70
1891-92	20	26	518	504	1,022	1,021	772	100.0	75.6	17,825.76	17.46
1892-93	19	25	559	476	1,035	1,055	811	101.9	77.8	16,834.10	15.96
1893-94	20	24	527	485	1,012	1,155	904	114.1	78.4	16,592.00	14.37
1894-95	22	26	610	503	1,013	1,162	921	104.4	79.3	15,362.26	13.22
1895-96	23	29	548	523	1,071	1,195	948	111.5	79.3	18,739.15	15.68
1896-97	23	30	617	540	1,157	1,221	1,001	105.5	82.0	19,185.49	15.53
1897-98	24	32	642	666	1,308	1,385	1,002	105.8	79.6	18,405.75	13.29
1898-99	24	35	537	586	1,123	1,402	1,103	124.8	78.7	22,580.81	16.10
1899-00	25	38	678	717	1,395	1,408	1,164	100.9	82.7	21,203.21	15.06
1900-01	25	39	773	751	1,424	1,464	1,053	102.8	71.9	20,633.02	14.09
1901-02	25	40	730	796	1,526	1,476	1,198	96.7	81.2	24,557.08	16.63
1902-03	25	41	751	783	1,534	1,494	1,197	97.4	80.1	24,197.72	16.20
1903-04	36	53	809	840	1,649	1,768	1,367	107.2	77.3	25,992.00	14.70
1904-05	38	55	889	890	1,779	1,656	1,324	93.1	79.9	25,960.00	15.67
1905-06	38	56	915	927	1,842	1,632	1,327	89.0	81.3	29,292.50	17.95
1906-07	38	57	913	934	1,847	1,645	1,316	88.9	80.0	30,992.50	18.84
1907-08	38	56	859	979	1,838	1,632	1,340	88.9	82.1	33,851.50	20.74
1908-09	39	56	845	1027	1,872	1,666	1,395	89.0	83.8	33,877.50	20.24
1909-10	39	56	888	974	1,862	1,674	1,342	89.3	80.0	32,672.50	19.52
1910-11	39	56	882	1003	1,885	1,672	1,429	88.7	86.0	34,642.50	20.72
1911-12	38	56	875	1044	1,919	1,678	1,437	88.0	85.0	37,367.50	22.27
1912-13	38	56	900	1063	1,963	1,740	1,463	88.6	84.1	41,307.50	23.74
1913-14	40	60	906	1063	1,969	1,742	1,481	88.4	84.9	49,722.50	28.54
1914-15	40	54	1037	985	2,022	1,822	1,558	90.0	85.5	53,523.81	29.37
1915-16	41	57	1010	976	1,986	1,969	1,536	99.1	78.0	54,037.10	27.44
1916-17	42	64	1020	1025	2,045	1,930	1,526	94.3	84.0	56,822.50	29.44
1917-18	42	59	1010	1050	2,060	1,933	1,551	93.8	80.2	82,484.23	42.67
1918-19	42	57	1063	1111	2,174	2,085	1,493.7	95.4	71.1	91,583.58	43.74
1919-20	42	60	1148	1186	2,334	2,209	1,700.63	94.6	76.9	118,253.25	53.53
1920-21	43	71	1167	1223	2,390	2,120	1,801	88.0	85.0	133,582.76	63.01
1921-22	46	75	1171	1244	2,415	2,134	1,942	88.0	91.0	146,932.09	68.85
1922-23	50	81	1218	1276	2,494	2,176	2,043	87.2	93.9	140,380.00	64.51
1923-24	42	65	1194	1108	2,302	2,071	1,905.3	89.9	92.0	140,505.00	67.84
1924-25	42	61	1094	1124	2,218	2,287	2,171	103.0	94.9	151,055.00	66.05
1925-26	42	59	1161	1188	2,349	2,234	2,103	95.1	94.1	156,655.00	70.12
1926-27	43	59	1236	1237	2,473	2,383	2,261	96.3	94.9	167,055.00	70.10

* Below high school grade.

† Not including amounts raised for evening schools nor for new buildings or sites.

REPORT OF FIRST SEMESTER, 1927-1928

Central Junior High School:

Number of pupils in Commercial Course,	211
Number of pupils in French Course,	48

Enrollment by ages:

Number under 14 years of age,	186
Number between 14 and 16 years of age,	67
Number over 16 years of age,	6
Average membership,	248
Average attendance,	239
Percent of attendance,	96.

Franklin Junior High School:

Number of pupils in Commercial Course,	69
Number of pupils in French Course,	0

Enrollment by ages:

Number under 14 years of age,	53
Number between 14 and 16 years of age,	15
Number over 16 years of age,	1
Average membership,	65
Average attendance,	63
Per cent of attendance,	96.

Symonds Junior High School:

Number of pupils in Commercial Course,	37
Number of pupils in French Course,	0

Enrollment by ages:

Number under 14 years of age,	29
Number between 14 and 16 years of age,	8
Number over 16 years of age,	0
Average membership,	35
Average attendance,	33
Per cent of attendance,	95.

ENROLLMENT OF ELEMENTARY, JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOLS

	Boys	Girls	Total
High School:			
I Year,	105	114	219
II Year,	62	99	161
III Year,	68	91	159
IV Year,	65	60	125
Post Graduates,	3		3
	303	364	667
Central Junior High:			
7th Grade,	70	57	127
8th Grade,	77	55	132
	147	112	259
Franklin Junior High:			
7th Grade,	23	16	39
8th Grade,	16	14	30
	39	30	69
5th Grade,	24	18	42
6th Grade,	18	14	32
	42	32	74
Symonds Junior High:			
7th Grade,	11	9	20
8th Grade,	8	9	17
	19	18	37

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	Boys	Girls	Total
1st Grade,	23	23	46
2nd Grade,	10	13	23
3rd Grade,	11	13	24
4th Grade,	9	13	22
5th Grade,	13	8	21
6th Grade,	15	4	19
	81	74	155
Washington:			
1st Grade,	24	13	37
2nd Grade,	22	14	36
3rd Grade,	10	21	31
4th Grade,	23	17	40
	79	65	144
Tilden:			
1st Grade,	12	17	29
2nd Grade,	14	15	29
3rd Grade,	14	13	27
4th Grade,	12	15	27
5th Grade,	16	14	30
6th Grade,	14	16	30
	82	90	172
Fuller:			
1st Grade,	13	8	21
2nd Grade,	13	8	21
3rd Grade,	6	4	10
4th Grade,	7	3	10
	39	23	62
Cleveland:			
1st Grade,	3	13	16
2nd Grade,	10	7	17

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	Boys	Girls	Total
3rd Grade,	6	8	14
4th Grade,	4	8	12
5th Grade,	3	3	6
	26	39	65
Lincoln :			
1st Grade,	16	19	35
2nd Grade,	13	16	29
3rd Grade,	18	16	34
4th Grade,	24	16	40
5th Grade,	10	16	26
6th Grade,	9	7	16
	90	90	180
Roosevelt :			
Kindergarten,	12	13	25
1st Grade,	23	17	40
2nd Grade,	15	19	34
3rd Grade,	11	18	29
4th Grade,	6	14	20
5th Grade,	18	17	35
6th Grade,	10	9	19
	95	107	202
South Keene :			
1st Grade,	4	2	6
2nd Grade,	3	4	7
3rd Grade,	5	4	9
4th Grade,	3	3	6
5th Grade,	3	1	4
6th Grade,	2	0	2
	20	14	34

Wheelock:	Boys	Girls	Total
Kindergarten,	28	20	48
1st Grade,	33	27	60
2nd Grade,	22	20	42
3rd Grade,	15	15	30
4th Grade,	24	17	41
5th Grade,	17	11	28
6th Grade,	21	13	34
	160	123	283
Four Corners:			
1st Grade,	1	1	2
2nd Grade,	1	0	1
3rd Grade,	0	2	2
4th Grade,	0	2	2
5th Grade,	1	1	2
6th Grade,	2	2	4
7th Grade,	0	2	2
8th Grade,	3	2	5
	8	12	20
Total enrollment in the Elementary Schools,			1391
Total enrollment in the Junior High Schools,			365
Total enrollment in the Senior High School,			667
			2423
Total Registration 1926-1927,			2334
Total Registration 1927-1928,			2423
Gain over last year,			89

SUMMARY OF GRADES

Kg.	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	PG	T
Boys:														
40	152	123	96	112	105	91	104	104	105	62	68	65	3	1230
Girls:														
33	140	116	114	108	89	65	84	80	114	99	91	60	0	1193
Total:														
73	292	239	210	220	194	156	188	184	219	161	159	125	3	2423

KEENE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**REPORT OF ATTENDANCE**

(First Semester 1927-1928)

High School:

Total enrollment, 1927-1928,	667
Average membership,	634
Average daily attendance,	611
Average per cent of attendance,	96

Junior High School:

Total enrollment, 1927-1928,	365
Average membership,	348
Average daily attendance,	336
Average per cent of attendance,	96

Elementary Schools:

Total enrollment, 1927-1928,	1391
Average membership,	1251
Average daily attendance,	1180
Average per cent of attendance,	93

SUMMARY OF JUNE REPORT FOR FIVE YEARS

	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927
Whole number registered,	2,090	2,012	2,204	2,157	2,297
Boys,	1,016	987	1,082	1,082	1,149
Girls,	1,074	1,025	1,122	1,075	1,148
*Number under 5 years of age,	8	44	26	13	26
*Number between 5-8 years,	448	329	402	417	434
*Number between 8-14 years,	1,044	1,020	1,168	1,033	1,065
*Number between 14-16 years,	376	354	413	411	439
*Number over 16 years,	214	265	195	241	333
Average attendance,	1,735	1,430.64	1,847.91	1,891.65	2,011.71
Average absence,	111	118.36	98.56	117.33	108.13
Average membership,	1,847	1,549	1,946.47	2,008.98	2,119.84
Percent attendance,	93.4	92	94.93	94.15	94.90
**Pupils not absent nor tardy,	83	34	110	116	149
Tardiness,	1,630	1,445	1,616	1,952	2,022

*Attended two weeks—represents a net registration.

**1924—Low on account of epidemic of measles.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER, 1927-1928

TILDEN SCHOOL ADDITION

Building Committee—Robert T. Kingsbury, Sidney A. Nims, Harry C. Shaw

RECEIPTS

Sale of bonds and premium,	\$16,031.84
Symonds School Bldg. Com., hardware,	75.00
	\$16,106.84

EXPENDITURES

F. E. Cutler, contractor,	\$12,615.68
C. P. Hoyt, architects fees and expenses,	684.59
Pearson Bros., heating,	1,659.00
Knowlton & Stone, hardware,	273.94
J. L. Hammett Co., blackboards, etc.,	120.49
A. Thomas Chilton, granite and cutting name,	67.50
Nims Plumbing Co., plumbing,	52.91
Public Service Co. of N. H., wiring,	28.09
C. F. Worcester, snow guards,	100.00
Bessler Disappearing Stairway Co.,	100.00
M. J. Harty, cement walks and grading,	304.36
Merchants National Bank, legal service,	50.00
Cheshire County Savings Bank, interest,	21.80
B. & M. R. R., freight,	4.47
	\$16,082.83

\$24.01

Balance transferred to Union School District,

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	Total Expenditures	General Expenses	High School	Elementary Schools
Text books,	2,681.80		1,243.40	1,438.40
Scholar's supplies,	3,928.81		2,525.90	1,402.91
Flags and appurtenances,	29.13		17.83	11.30
Other expenses of instruction,	55.16		21.79	33.37
Operation and maintenance of school plant:				
Janitors' salaries,	9,409.14		3,126.46	6,282.68
Fuel,	7,670.31		1,902.95	5,767.36
Water, light and janitor supplies,	3,012.69		1,577.88	1,434.81
Minor repairs and expenses,	8,376.06		1,750.71	6,625.35
Auxiliary agencies and special activities:				
Health supervision,	2,577.82			2,577.82
Transportation of pupils,	4,268.50			4,268.50
Payment of tuition,	32,601.79			32,601.79
Other special activities,	496.23		474.27	21.96
Fixed charges:				
Insurance,	1,362.31	1,362.31		
Outlay for construction and equipment:				
Land and new buildings,	2,125.78			
New equipment,	4,580.43	6,706.21		

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand March 10, 1927,	\$11,030.78		
Received from city treasurer,	199,270.25		
Dog tax,	1,493.94		
Due from city treasurer,	10,000.00		
High school tuition,	14,202.14		
Rent of Greenlawn street house,	385.00		
Y. M. C. A., use High school gymnasium,	57.75		
Keene Normal school, for spray oil,	6.50		
Academy House, operation,	400.00		
F. E. Cutler, use of telephone,	9.50		
John J. Colony, use of telephone,	6.60		
Tilden school addition, acct. balance,	24.01		
			\$236,886.47

EXPENDITURES

	Total Expenditures	General Expenses	High School	Elementary Schools
Administration:				
Salaries of district officers,	\$1,450.00			
Superintendent's excess salary,	1,900.00			
Truant officer and census,	587.88			
Expenses of administration,	2,485.46	\$6,423.34		
Instruction:				
Principal's and teacher's salaries,	90,850.48		\$47,410.04	\$43,440.44

PROPERTY BELONGING TO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

The area of lots and valuation of lands and school houses in the City of Keene, belonging to Union School District, is as follows:

	Area of Lot Square Feet	Valuation	
		Land	Buildings
High school,	73,500	\$19,500.00	\$250,000.00
Junior High school,	28,400	6,100.00	60,000.00
Tilden school,	19,850	625.00	35,000.00
Fuller school,	14,850	300.00	4,000.00
North Washington school,	22,675	470.00	3,000.00
Roosevelt school,	64,500	3,000.00	50,000.00
Washington school,	61,235	7,275.00	20,000.00
Franklin school,			20,000.00
Lincoln school,	32,080	900.00	40,000.00
Wheelock school,	59,020	1,500.00	40,000.00
Cleveland school,	2,100	525.00	5,000.00
Suburban school buildings,			15,300.00
	378,210	\$40,195.00	\$542,300.00

Total area, 378,210 square feet or 8.7 acres.

Total valuation:

Lands,	\$40,195.00
Buildings,	542,300.00

Total valuation,	\$582,495.00
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BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

ROOSEVELT SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, LOAN OF 1921

Due	Rate of Interest	Amount Due
1928	5 per cent	\$5,000 00
1929	"	5,000 00
1930	"	5,000 00
1931	"	5,000 00

\$20,000 00

HIGH SCHOOL BONDS, LOAN OF 1924

Due	Rate of Interest	Amount Due
1928	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent	\$10,000 00
1929	"	10,000 00
1930	"	10,000 00
1931	"	10,000 00
1932	"	10,000 00
1933	"	10,000 00
1934	"	10,000 00

\$70,000 00

LINCOLN SCHOOL BONDS, LOAN OF 1925

Due	Rate of Interest	Amount Due
1928	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent	\$5,000 00
1929	"	5,000 00

\$10,000 00

SYMONDS AND TILDEN SCHOOL BONDS, LOAN OF 1927

Due	Rate of Interest	Amount Due
1928	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent	\$13,000 00
1929	"	13,000 00
1930	"	13,000 00
1931	"	13,000 00
1932	"	13,000 00
1933	"	13,000 00
1934	"	13,000 00
		\$91,000 00

Total bonded indebtedness of Union School

District,

\$191,000 00

COOLIDGE LOT NOTE, \$19,500.00.

In favor of City of Keene, dated October 2, 1911, due October 1, 1961, interest at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, payable April 1st and October 1st.

REQUIRED ANNUAL REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION TO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

I. Budget (School Money):

Amount of money needed for support of schools and for statutory requirements (See Laws).

Administration:

Salaries of board of education,
Salaries of other district officers,
Superintendent's excess salary,
Expenses of administration,
Truant officer and school census,

Total
Estimates

\$240.00
1,210.00
1,900.00
2,500.00
600.00

High
School

Elementary
Schools

\$6,450.00

Instruction:

Principals' and teachers' salaries,
Text books and scholars' supplies,
Flags and appurtenances,
Evening school,

89,000.00
7,000.00
25.00
450.00

\$45,000.00
4,000.00
25.00
450.00

96,475.00

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Operation and Maintenance:

Janitor service,
Fuel,
Water, light and janitors' supplies,
Minor repairs of buildings,

Total Estimates	High School	Elementary Schools
9,500.00	3,100.00	6,400.00
7,500.00	2,000.00	5,500.00
2,800.00	1,500.00	1,300.00
7,000.00	2,000.00	5,000.00
26,800.00		

Auxiliary Agencies, Special Activities:

Health supervision,
Transportation,
State Normal School,
Elementary school tuition,
Other special activities,

2,550.00	500.00	2,050.00
3,750.00		3,750.00
32,500.00		32,500.00
500.00	400.00	100.00
39,300.00		

Fixed Charges:

Insurance,
Rent, Academy Property,

1,000.00		
680.00	680.00	
1,680.00		
	59,180.00	104,075.00

Outlay for construction and equipment:

New equipment,

2,000.00

Debt Service:

Payment Roosevelt School building notes,
Payment High School building notes,

5,000.00
10,000.00

Elementary
SchoolsHigh
School

	Total Estimates	
Payment Lincoln School building notes,	5,000.00	
Payment Symonds and Tilden School building notes,	13,000.00	
Interest Roosevelt School building notes,	875.00	
Interest High School building notes,	2,762.50	
Interest Lincoln School building notes,	318.75	
Interest Symonds and Tilden Schools building notes,	3,591.25	
Interest Coolidge note,	682.50	41,230.00
New Hampshire per capita tax,		4,352.00
Total of all requirements,		<u>\$218,287.00</u>

II. Requirements to meet Budget:

(a) For support of elementary schools,	\$103,625.00
(b) For support of high school,	59,180.00
(c) For support of evening school,	450.00
(d) For expenses of administration,	6,450.00
(e) For insurance,	1,000.00

\$170,705.00

III. Assessment Required:

(See I & II)

1. (a) Statutory requirements:

\$3.50 tax on equalized valuation of \$22,160,760.00,	\$77,562.66
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(b) Additional sum needed,	93,142.35
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\$170,705.00

2. Outlay for construction and equipment:

New equipment,	2,000.00
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2,000.00

3. Statutory requirements:

(a) For the payment of the per capita tax,	4,325.00
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4,352.00

(b) For the payment of debt:

Roosevelt building notes,	5,000.00
High school building notes,	10,000.00
Lincoln school building notes,	5,000.00
Symonds and Tilden School building notes,	13,000.00

\$33,000.00

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(c) For the payment of interest:

Roosevelt building notes,	875.00
High school building notes,	2,762.50
Lincoln building notes,	318.75
Symonds and Tilden building notes,	3,591 25
Coolidge notes,	682.50

\$8,230.00

Total of all requirements,

\$218,287.00

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

(SCHOOL WARRANT)

Cheshire, ss.

To the inhabitants of Union School District in the City of Keene, qualified to vote in school district affairs:

You are hereby notified and warned to meet at High School Hall in said District, on Thursday, the twenty-ninth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight at 8 o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator for the ensuing year

ART. 2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To hear the report of the treasurer, and take any action thereon deemed necessary.

ART. 4. To elect one or more members of the board of education.

ART. 5. To elect a treasurer of the district and one or more auditors.

ART. 6. To see what sum of money, if any, the district will vote to raise and appropriate, in addition to the sum required by law, for the support of schools, for the repair and equipment of school houses; to pay the board of education; to pay the agent of the district; to pay the treasurer of the

district; to pay the auditor of the district; to pay the truant officer; to pay insurance on school buildings; to pay for water service; to pay for rent of the Dinsmore property; to pay all other statutory obligations of the district.

ART. 7. To see if the district will vote to sell the school house and lot now being used for school purposes in West Keene and to appoint a committee to sell the same.

ART. 8. To see what sum of money, if any, the district will vote to raise and appropriate for the grading of the new school house lot in West Keene.

ART. 9. To see what sum of money, if any, the district will vote to raise and appropriate to purchase furniture and equipment for the new school building in West Keene.

ART. 10. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal at Keene, this 12th day of March, 1928.

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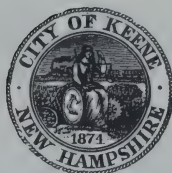


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	Term Expires
*CHARLES C. STURTEVANT, 112 Washington St.....	1927
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Regular meetings of the Board are held at the High School Building on the second Monday of each month, except August, at 7.30 P. M.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

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STANDING COMMITTEES

High School—Messrs. Watson, Colony, Sturtevant, Miss Whitcomb, Mrs. Nims.

Elementary Schools—Messrs. Pickard, Watson, Miss Whitcomb.

Elementary School Buildings—Messrs. Pressler, Colony, Kingsbury.

Academy Property—Messrs. Kingsbury, Pressler, Mrs. Nims.

Finance—Messrs. Sturtevant, Colony, Pickard.

Health—Messrs. Sturtevant, Watson, Mrs. Nims.

Evening School—Messrs. Sturtevant, Pickard, Mrs. Nims.

Under the contract with the State of New Hampshire, the Wheelock, Junior High and the Four Corners Schools, are now under the management of the State.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO THE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

To the Citizens of Union School District:

The sixty first annual report of the Board of Education is presented herewith, together with the report of the Treasurer. Included are the reports of the Superintendent of Schools, Headmaster of the High School, Health and Physical Education Departments, Attendance Officer and Supervisors, all of which are commended to your careful consideration.

During the past year the board has lost two members by death, Dr. John D. Proctor and Charles C. Sturtevant, for many years the efficient Secretary. The remaining members would record a tribute to their long standing service and valued counsel as well as their sense of personal loss in the passing of these associates.

In the report of the Superintendent will be found a report of many of the improvements and additions made during the past year. In the High School, the three year program of additions and improvements to the Manual Arts department has been completed, and the board feels that this department is now qualified to supply a needed demand for competent technically trained young men in many of the city's industries.

A full time woman instructor has been added to the Physical Education department, the gymnasium equipped with proper apparatus and the work of the department extended to the Junior High Schools.

The present school year has seen an unusually large increase in the number of pupils with the result that the Symonds and Tilden buildings have about reached the limit of their capacity. While it is not anticipated that next years increase

will be as large, it would seem, with the payment this spring of the last of the High School Building bonds, that it is an opportune time to plan for increased room in the above localities. The Symonds School is the only four room wooden building in the city. In use over 45 years, it does not meet modern demands in construction, sanitation, efficiency or economy in operation and it is therefore suggested that the District appoint a committee to purchase a new lot and to secure plans for a new building to be presented at an early meeting of the district.

At the Tilden Building it is suggested that additional rooms be arranged, either by rearranging the interior or by an addition. Such a plan would allow the transfer of the comparatively small number of pupils in the old Fuller School to the better Washington and Tilden Buildings.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF EDUCATION,

Robert T. Kingsbury, Pres.

CENTRAL OFFICE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

KEENE NEW HAMPSHIRE

17 Washington Street

Wm. C. T. Adams, Superintendent Schools, Union School District, 17 Washington Street, Telephone 1020.

Office hours: School Days 8 to 9 A. M. and 4 to 5 P. M.
Saturdays 9 to 12.

Stella A. Thomas, Secretary to the Superintendent, 17 Washington Street, Telephone 1020.

Office hours: School Days 8 to 12 and 1.30 to 4.30, Saturdays 8 to 12.

A. A. Pratte, School Physician, 10 Center St.

Mrs. M. Elizabeth Davey, R. N., School Nurse, 55 Wilder St.

Ralph J. Parker, School Dentist, 48 Main St.

Don J. Williams, Truant Officer, Colony Block.

HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1926-1927

Fall Term. September 7—December 17.

Vacation. December 18—January 2.

Winter Term. January 3—March 25.

Vacation. March 26—April 3.

Spring Term. April 4—June 17.

GRADE SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 7—December 17.....	15 Weeks
January 3—February 18.....	7 Weeks
February 28—April 15.....	7 Weeks
April 25—June 17	8 Weeks

Three blasts on whistles of Impervious Package Company, Keene Woodenware Co., C. L. Russell Chair Co., and Sprague & Carleton, as follows:

8.05—No forenoon session.

11.05—One session. Grades above the second will remain
in school until 1 o'clock.

1.05—No afternoon session.

LIST OF TEACHERS

William C. T. Adams, Superintendent of Schools, A. M. (Harvard and Minnesota) M. S. (Upper Iowa University) Ph. D. (Taylor) LL. D. (Highland).

HIGH SCHOOL

NAME	WHERE EDUCATED	ASSIGNMENT
Willis O. Smith, A. B.	Dartmouth College	Headmaster
Charles R. Dresser	Salem Commercial College	Commercial Subjects
Elwin Damon	Bridgewater Normal School	Chemistry & Biology
Harold F. Drew, A. B., A. M.	Middlebury College	Athletics
Helen E. Brown	New Haven Normal School of Gym.	Mathematics
Robert E. Watkins, B. S.	University of New Hampshire	Manual Arts
Forrest J. Hall, A. B.	Dartmouth College	Household Arts
Ethel L. Cowles, B. S.	University of New Hampshire	Manual Arts & Mathematics
Leland E. Tufts	Tufts College	Music
Harry W. Davis	Amherst College	English
Dorothy Atwood Randall, A. B.	Smith College	English
Vera I. Call, A. B.	Smith College	French
Helen Klein, A. B.	Radcliffe College	Science
Carroll H. Lowe, B. S.	University of New Hampshire	Algebra
Frances Varney, A. B.	Vassar College	Commercial Subjects
Mary B. Clough	Keene Normal School	English
Karl Karsian, A. B.	Harvard College	Latin
Ruth W. Skillings, A. B.	Boston University	History
Forest Paige, A. B.	Brown University	English
Ruth Belnap, A. B.	Boston University	Commercial Subjects
Margaret G. Connolly	Bay Path Institute	Mathematics & Science
J. Mabel White	Dalhousie University	History
Clara F. Leining, A. B.	Boston University	History
Dorothy E. Small, A. B.	Burdett Normal College	Commercial Subjects
Lila G. Perry	Simmons, Radcliffe	French and Spanish
Eleanor B. Sullivan, A. B.	Boston University	

CENTRAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

NAME	WHERE EDUCATED	ASSIGNMENT
Edwin S. Huse	Wesleyan University	Principal, Civics
Frank H. Blackington, Jr., A. B.	Bates College	French
Carroll P. Norton, A. B.	Bowdoin College	Science

FRANKLIN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

M. Alice Jones, Principal	Bridgewater Normal	Grade 6
Paul Pearson	Dartmouth College	Grade 8
Helen Weare	Keene Normal School	Grade 7
Ruth F. Blandin	Keene Normal School	Grade 5

SYMONDS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Rachel Dushuttle, Principal	Fitchburg Normal School	Grades 7-8
Helen Brown	Keene Normal School	Grades 5-6
Alyce Stevens	Keene Normal School	Grades 3-4
Bessie Lane	Fitchburg Normal School	Grade 2
*Ruth Cuthbertson	Keene Normal School	Grade 1
Ethel Myers	Keene Normal School	Grade 1

WASHINGTON SCHOOL

Blanche Bacon	Keene Normal School	Grade 2
Alice Bliss	Keene Normal School	Grade 4
Alice Lord	Keene Normal School	Grade 3
Louise Aldrich	Keene Normal School	Grade 1

TILDEN SCHOOL

Flora Applin	Keene Normal School	Grades 5-6
Dorothy Carroll	Keene Normal School	Grade 1
Lucile Bemis	Keene Normal School	Grades 3-4
Hazel Rogers	Keene Normal School	Grade 2
Essie Twitchell, Assistant	Keene Normal School	

FULLER SCHOOL

Margaret Thompson
Margaret O'Leary

Grades 3-4
Grades 1-2

CLEVELAND SCHOOL

Ruby Hanley, Principal
Edith Matthews

Grades 3-4-5
Grades 1-2

LINCOLN SCHOOL

Mertie Powers, Principal
Hazel Davis
Mary Ward
Amy Haskell
Harriette Bryer
Marion Hutchinson

Grade 6
Grade 5
Grade 4
Grade 3
Grade 2
Grade 1

ROOSEVELT SCHOOL

Mildred Foster, Principal
Ismay Estey
Katherine O'Keefe
Goldie Myers
Beryl Dunn
Katherine Gale

Grade 6
Grades 4-5
Grades 3-4
Grade 2
Grade 1
Kindergarten

WHEELOCK SCHOOL

Bertha Twining, Principal
Isabel Robertson
Gertrude Merriam
Mabel Fisher
Dorothy White
Bertha Davis
Margaret Little

Grade 5
Grade 6
Grade 4
Grade 3
Grade 2
Grade 1
Kindergarten

SOUTH KEENE SCHOOL

Pearl Loiselle

Keene Normal School

Grades 1-6

FOUR CORNERS SCHOOL

Arlene Green Goodnow

Keene Normal School

Grades 1-8

SUPERVISORS

Geraldine Holmes
Gladys Doane
A. W. Pressler

New School of Design
Framingham Normal School

Music & Drawing
Domestic Arts
Manual Arts

JANITORS

High School
High School, Assistant Janitor
Junior High
Lincoln
Washington and Franklin
Tilden
Roosevelt
Fuller
Symonds
Cleveland
South Keene
Wheelock

James Faulkner
John Wilson
Walton West
Arthur E. Gunn
Lewis Campbell
H. H. Spaulding
Edward W. Abbott
W. W. Weeks
Adin Hall
J. H. Jones
Chas. F. G. Eaton
James Hassett

12 Washington St.
77 Spring St.
Marlboro, N. H.
29 Coolidge St.
33 Page St.
36 Green St.
39 Knight St.
302 Court St.
598 West St.
60 Davis St.
534 Marlboro St.
16 Willow St.

*Resigned

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Board of Education, Keene, N. H.

Ladies and gentlemen:

In submitting my sixth annual report of Keene schools, I do so with a pardonable pride.

(1) Because I can report progress in all phases and departments of school work as verified by tests, examinations, measurements and comparisons.

In the New England Contest in Arithmetic conducted by Boston University in December, Keene pupils ranked high among the highest.

Out of the entering class of 250, 238 pupils tested normal or above. This is a remarkable showing for a first grade.

(2) Because of the harmonious relationship that exists among the various schools, cooperation has never been better.

Every school and every teacher is working for the best interests of Keene pupils.

(3) Because of the splendid personnel and the high morale of our teaching staff.

(4) Because of the wide recognition by other towns and cities of our schools and the work done therein. This is evidenced by the inquiries that come to the superintendent asking for information and for the privilege of using his tests.

(5) Because Keene School Board has been recognized and honored by selecting the chairman for a member of the State Board of Education.

(6) Because of the splendid cooperation of the many organizations with the schools. (a) The Rotary Club is making it possible to have a high school band. (b) The Health Depart-

ment is in readiness at all times to help. (c) The support of Keene Woman's Club. (d) The Associated Charities. (e) The Chamber of Commerce, (f) Parent-Teachers Associations, etc. In fact every organization has realized the public schools are Keene's greatest asset.

ATTENDANCE

Compared with former years the attendance of the first semester has been very high (as shown by following tables). There have been no epidemics of contagious or infectious diseases so far for this year.

IMPROVEMENTS

No extensive improvements have been made this year, although several minor ones have added to the efficiency of the schools.

Water and plumbing have been installed at the Four Corners School, playgrounds graded and improved at the Lincoln and Wheelock Schools.

The Cleveland School playground has been fenced, chairs and equipment have been added to the High School gymnasium, new machines have been installed in the manual training department, the stage in assembly room improved and transformed to a thing of beauty and usefulness.

The greatest improvement however, has been that of the High School cafeteria. It has not only been made sanitary and efficient, but beautiful as well.

Improvements have been made in all the schools, new blackboards in the Tilden School, electric lights in the Tilden and Washington Schools and repairs wherever needed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

New files are being added to the Superintendent's office where the records of all the pupils are kept. No day passes that we are not called upon for information. Files on all phases

of school work are kept; enrollment, census, health, truancy, grade cards, progress cards, teachers' ratings, tests and measurements. There are also files of bulletins consisting of school and college data, college catalogs, reports, etc. Each subject will be filed and cross filed so that any school information may be had quickly. Each year this information becomes more valuable and is referred to many times daily.

STANDARD TESTS

There is little need to speak of standard tests in an explanatory or apologetic way. Every one, now understands that standard tests are nothing more than carefully worked out and graded standardized examinations, by which one can measure the child's educational progress from grade to grade and from year to year. As we have standardized graded readers, arithmetics and spellers, so we have standardized and graded tests. These tests are the measuring rods in the hands of the teacher and superintendent. (Suffice us to say they are much better than the old birchen rods.)

AIMS OF EDUCATION

Briefly these are the aims of education:

(a) The ability to earn one's living. To this end we stress the tool subject or the three R's; reading, writing, arithmetic.

(b) Ability to contribute to the welfare of others. This ability is gained by the study of the social subjects, history, geography and civics. These subjects broaden the horizon of the pupil, break down his provincialism and bigotry, and teach him to see things beyond his home and state.

(c) Ability to care for one's health. This comes from the study of hygiene, sanitation and physiology, followed up by the school nurse and school doctor. We are living in an age of preventative medicine.

(d) Ability to enjoy one's leisure. More and more man has learned that he can do his work more quickly and easily by labor saving devices. This leaves more time for leisure and

recreation. But what that leisure shall lead to depends in a large measure on how the child is taught. To this end we strive to inculcate good morals and refinement of tastes by the study of music, art literature, athletics and the love of nature.

This, then is the cultural aim that the schools are striving for and in a large measure succeeding in bringing to realization these aims, which spell efficiency as shown by past records.

TEACHERS AND TEACHING CHANGES

There have been but few changes in our teaching force this year. Ruth Cuthbertson, first grade Symonds, resigned to get married; Miss Ingeborg Laaby resigned to accept a position in Quincy, Massachusetts and Miss Arline Branscombe resigned to accept a position in Melrose, Massachusetts.

To fill these vacancies the school board selected Miss Ethel Myers, (Symonds), Miss Dorothy Small and Frances Varney. (High School).

The teachers who entered our union for the first time last year have proved very satisfactory.

Two Batavia teachers have been employed this year, Essie Twitchell at Tilden and Annie Snow at Lincoln. These teachers are employed on account of congested conditions.

The teaching load is pretty well distributed this year. Enrollment is increasing from year to year. One hundred and thirty-eight more pupils are enrolled in the elementary schools than last year. The High School has a gain of 46.

The Superintendent commends the work of the teachers and recommends as few changes as possible. The fewer changes the better schools.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

A complete report of the health department will be found elsewhere. Mrs. Elizabeth Davey, school nurse; Dr. A. A. Pratte, school physician; and Dr. R. J. Parker, school dentist have made reports in detail.

EVENING SCHOOL

Keene is indeed fortunate in having but few illiterates, however there is a considerable number of foreigners who are anxious to improve themselves in the English language, and also to gain a knowledge of American customs, and American institutions. For these reasons an Evening School is maintained with three divisions and three teachers.

A full report will be found elsewhere.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE AND MANUAL TRAINING

Keene has made ample provisions for the teaching of Domestic Arts and Manual Training in the Grade Schools. In each of the Grade Schools of four rooms and over, rooms and equipment have been provided for excellent work.

The work in the Manual Arts Department is under the direction of Mr. Adolf Pressler, and the Domestic Science is under the direction of Miss Gladys Doane. The account of the work done in this department is contained in the following report.

REPORT OF DOMESTIC SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Domestic Science has been taught in the fifth and sixth grades and in the Junior High Schools. Special attention has been given to the planning and serving of meals in the Junior High School, and also in making a complete outfit of underwear and dresses, with special projects in the way of fancy stitches and trimmings. Darning, mending, knitting and crocheting were also taught.

The work in the fifth and sixth grades is merely a foundation for work in the seventh and eighth grades.

I would like to express my appreciation for the help and cooperation given me by the Superintendent, teachers, school committee and parents, because it is through their cooperation

that the children realize the importance of the work which will fit them to be better citizens and future home makers.

Respectfully submitted,

GLADYS DOANE,
Supervisor of Domestic Science.

REPORT OF ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit my report for the physical education department for the past year.

The work of the department is divided into two main sections, athletic and gymnasium work.

The athletic work of the school is in an enviable position. The football team was the strongest in the school's history, winning eight games and losing only to New Hampshire University Freshmen and to Manchester in a bitterly contested game. The basketball team is the best the school has produced to date, a very steady improvement having gone on in the three seasons the school has been represented in the sport. With the season nearly over, the team has won three-fourths of its games, and has been selected as one of the eight teams to compete for the state championship. The ice hockey team, under the tutelage of Coach Robert Watkins, was undefeated, won the tri-state championship at Bellows Falls, and is the logical claimant of the state high school championship. Prospects in the spring sports, baseball and track, are bright, and the state championship in both sports is well within the realm of possibility.

Practically all varsity members of the several squads will be graduated in June, but in each sport a dependable reserve has been built up, and material should be available capable of maintaining the athletic traditions of Keene.

In the field of gymnastic work, several far reaching steps, have been taken during the year. The work of the department was extended to take in the Junior High Schools, and every pupil in the seventh and eighth grades is now given physical

training at least once a week. Franklin and Symonds Junior High Schools are directly under the department, while Central Junior High School is handled by the physical instructor of the Normal School.

Football and soccer were offered to the Junior High students last fall to the limit of our facilities, and opportunity to participate in track work, baseball and tennis will be given in the spring.

In the High School, gymnasium work is required of the first two classes twice a week. The work is varied, but is all based on two or three broad principles. The department feels that its objective is not to turn out gymnasts, but to develop health, vigorous bodies by exercise and precept, to afford mental relaxation and recreation, and to build up good habits of leisure time activities. Where needed, corrective exercise is suggested, and carried out. A typical day's order consists of tactics, free-hand calisthenics, light apparatus work and organized games.

In the girls' section, less attention is paid to apparatus work, and more to marching, stressing good posture, and to folk and gymnastic dancing. The total number, boys and girls, in high school gym classes, is approximately 325.

This year the Board of Education has added to the personnel of the department Miss Helen E. Brown, a graduate of New Haven Normal School of Gymnastics.

She is in charge of the girls gymnasium work and of their athletic activities, and has proven to be a very co-operative, capable and dependable instructor.

Gymnasium equipment, apparatus, mats, etc. has been installed this year, and liberal use is being made of it. In addition, there have recently been placed on the gym floor, one hundred steel chairs, which are especially convenient for spectators at the basketball games and for the various social activities held in the gymnasium.

I wish to express my appreciation for the cooperation extended to the department by the principal, Mr. Smith, by the

Superintendent, and the Board of Education, and particularly by Mr. Adolf Pressler, whose never flagging interest and painstaking effort has resulted in the splendid plant of the physical education department and been responsible for much of the efficiency and success of the department's work.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. DREW,

Director of Athletics.

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit my first report as director of girls' physical training in the Keene Public Schools.

In September work was started by examining the entire freshman and sophomore classes. Special notes were made of postural defects with an aim of later giving corrective gymnastics to those needing special exercise.

The ground in rear of the high school building has been graded and fixed this year, making an ideal place for the girl's athletic field. The junior high pupils from Franklin and Symonds came each week for soccer and organized games. These classes were continued until snow came and then they were held in the gymnasium until the Christmas vacation, after which they had to be discontinued because of the high school basketball practice.

Field hockey was introduced this year to the girls and a goodly number responded with great interest. Equipment was provided and the same field at the high school was used to play on. We were able to schedule three games this year with old teams. In view of stronger material another year, we hope to be able to play a longer schedule and meet more teams.

The winter season has been taken up with basketball, consisting of a varsity and class teams. Inter-class games have been played and the varsity squad which consists of a first and second team has played a schedule of nine games. A definite

practice schedule has been arranged this year and each afternoon the time is divided between the boys and girls.

In the spring the time will be taken up with baseball, track and tennis.

The indoor work has been with the freshman and sophomore classes of the high school and the Symonds and Franklin Junior High Schools, the Central Junior High School being in charge of the Physical Directors of the Keene Normal School. There are in the freshman and sophomore classes about one hundred and eighty pupils taking physical training. The aim of the teacher is to give to the pupil a group of all-round exercises to develop the body, a feeling of recreation and freedom to lessen the strain from theory subjects and to aid in developing the pupils' sense of responsibility, promptness, self control and leadership.

A varied and general program of marching, with a special stress on posture, calisthenics, apparatus work, organized games and folk dancing make up the day's order. The value of the last two can not be over estimated. They are one of the best means of teaching co-operation, courtesy, self control, a spirit of fairness and in the folk dancing and rhythmic exercises, grace, harmony and smoothness, is accomplished.

The junior high pupils number about forty-five and the work done by these girls is along the very same line as the high school classes, with exercises and drills suited to their age.

A battery of new lockers has been added to the girls' locker room which provides for the basketball pupils. These lockers are inspected from time to time and each pupil is urged to appreciate the value of her gymnasium costume, and to respect at all times another's property.

In closing I wish to thank the Principal, Superintendent and the Board of Education for their hearty support and co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN E. BROWN,
Girls' Athletic Director.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC AND DRAWING

Music in the schools continues to make progress, and the pupils are taking up more difficult material with good results. As the supervisor visits the schools for music only once in two weeks, practically all of the drill work is given by the room teachers, and in many rooms really excellent work is done. The new books added in the first four grades, have given much pleasure and satisfaction. It is recommended that the remaining grades be supplied with books of the same series as soon as possible.

In the Junior High School chorus work is a feature, two and three part songs are used, and some of the history of music is taken up. The F bass clef is studied, and some songs are introduced in this clef as preparation for High School chorus work.

Bookbinding has been introduced in the four upper grades, in varying forms, with good results.

Water-color work is used in these grades. Often other studies, such as geography, history, or reading are used to provide subjects for the drawing. Seasonal and holiday work is done in all grades.

An effort is being made to bring more actual drawing to the pupils, and to omit a little of the paper-cutting and using of patterns. No amount of the latter can take the place of actual drawing, which trains the eye and the hand, and stimulates the mind.

Respectfully submitted,

GERALDINE W. HOLMES,

Supervisor of Music and Drawing.

REPORTS

Embodied in my report are those of the High School, Domestic Science, Manual Training, Music and Drawing, Athletics, and statistical tables.

HIGH SCHOOL

The work in the High School improves from year to year. High schools have grown very rapidly during the last few years. More children attend the high schools. Requirements for college entrance have become harder. More is expected of the high school pupils than in any previous period.

The Manual Training and Domestic Arts Department have been strengthened and improved. Music has found a more important place. Debating is creating an interest among the literary inclined.

Our pupils make a creditable showing in higher institutions of learning.

A full report of the High School, by Headmaster Willis O. Smith, will be found elsewhere.

REPORT OF SCHOOL VISITS, ADDRESSES AND OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

March	91	October	144
April	66	November	191
May	115	December	49
June	64	January	70
September	216	February	64

Addressed 17 Parent Teacher Association meetings.

Addressed Evening School and presented diplomas.

Addressed Laymen's League.

Addressed Better Homes Week Exhibit.

Addressed Franklin Junior High and Symonds Junior High Assemblies.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion the Superintendent desires to express his heartfelt thanks to the Board of Education for their cooperation. The schools of Keene are in good condition and much credit is due the School Board in providing the Superintendent with equipment and teachers to carry on the work.

The association with the Director of the State Normal

School, W. E. Mason, during the past year has been pleasant and helpful, and I desire to express my thanks for the hearty cooperation that he has given during the past year. The work in the Training Schools and those of the Union School District, have been most harmonious during my administration and since the aims of all our schools are one and we are working for the best interests of the children of the City of Keene, harmony and cooperation are absolutely necessary to bring about these results.

WILLIAM C. T. ADAMS,

Superintendent of Schools.

March 1, 1927.

REPORT OF THE HEADMASTER

KEENE HIGH SCHOOL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The registration in the High School this year is the highest yet recorded: Boys 300, Girls 349, Total 649.

They are enrolled as follows: First Year 205. Second Year 169. Third Year 126. Fourth Year 120. Post graduates 10. The total last year was 603.

The entering class was drawn from the following sources: Central Junior High 78, St. Joseph's 27, Franklin Junior High 24, Symonds Junior High 9, Roosevelt 3, Four Corners 2. Repeating 14. Other schools 48.

Our tuition pupils number 170. Swanzev sends 62, Fitzwilliam 23, Westmoreland 15, Surry 10, Troy 9, Richmond 7, Dublin 7, Sullivan 6, Chesham, Harrisville, Marlow and Nelson 4 each and one each from Munsonville, Spofford, Strafford, Lempster and Acworth.

From this number, 14 have been taken from the tuition list, either because of moving into town or leaving school so that there are at present 156 actual tuition pupils paying at the rate of \$74.46 each per school year.

There are 105 pupils in the Classical course, 272 in the Commercial, 71 in the Domestic Arts, 124 in the Mechanic Arts, and 77 in the Scientific and General.

The percent attendance was 96.80, for the state 95.20. The number of tardiness per pupil was .76, for the state .80. Number of pupils per teacher 30.9, for the state 18.3.

From a graduating class of 90,—the largest class ever graduated from Keene High School, 28 pupils, 31 percent of the class, entered Academic Colleges or Normal schools. Their

record is excellent and compares favorably with that of students from any school in the state.

It should be noted that students from the Keene High School were able to enter Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Smith College, University of Vermont and Simmons College directly from a four year course in our school without any further preparation.

Of the remaining pupils, 10 entered Business Institutes or Colleges, 8 returned to this school for post graduate work, and 2 entered Cushing Academy.

The complete list follows:

John Adams, New Hampshire University.
Ruth L. Harris, New Hampshire University.
Helen O. Huovinen, New Hampshire University.
Kenneth Robinson, New Hampshire University.
Sumner L. Fuller, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
Ruth S. Towne, Simmons College.
Rachel Woodward, Simmons College.
Elizabeth Tracy, Smith College.
Philip Robbins, University of Vermont.
Madalyn Slade, Cedar Crest College.
Dorothy F. Hoisington, Gordon Mission School.
Jorma Kangas, Chicago School of Journalism.
Marjorie Aldrich, Merchants & Bankers Business College.
Arthur Bourque, Northampton Business Institute.
Dorothy Kirk, Northampton Business Institute.
Elwyn Perham, Northampton Business Institute.
Frederick Lane, Baypath Institute, Keene, N. H.
Olive Osborne, Baypath Institute, Keene, N. H.
Ralph Pickett, Baypath Institute, Keene, N. H.
Leona M. Wheeler, Baypath Institute, Keene, N. H.
Lila Wilder, Baypath Institute, Keene, N. H.
Ruth M. Austin, Elliot Hospital.
Alice C. Halpin, Elliot Hospital.
Evelyn E. Strout, Peter Bent Brigham Hospital.

Muriel Aldrich, Keene Normal.
Margaret Donovan, Keene Normal.
Christine E. Ek, Keene Normal.
Herman Erwin, Keene Normal.
Pearl C. Hale, Keene Normal.
Dorothy Kingsbury, Keene Normal.
Stuart Kingsbury, Keene Normal.
Laura Kononan, Keene Normal.
Viola Nelson, Keene Normal.
Ellsworth Martin, Keene Normal.
Harold Plante, Keene Normal.
Madeline E. Stone, Keene Normal.
Gertrude E. Thomas, Keene Normal.
Gertrude Upton, Keene Normal.
Grace H. Thompson, Keene Normal.
Beatrice Whitcomb, Keene Normal.
Margaret Carey, Keene High School P. G.
Hazel G. Drugg, Keene High P. G.
Lorna Elwyn, Keene High School P. G.
Charles Hanna, Keene High School P. G.
Kathleen Perham, Keene High School P. G.
Ruth Weston, Keene High School P. G.
Marion E. Wyman, Keene High School P. G.
Frederick A. Farrer, Cushing Academy.
Marcia Wheelock, Cushing Academy.

The school as a whole has made favorable progress in most of its varied departments. In size it now ranks fourth in the schools of the state and probably will have a still larger enrollment next year.

The system of departmental work instituted last year has proved successful and will be continued. The Commercial department now has 4 teachers exclusively devoted to that department, English has 4, Science 3, Mathematics 3, History 3, Foreign Language 3, Mechanic Arts 2, Domestic Arts 1, Athletics 2, Music 1.

A series of socialized assemblies by the different departments adds interest to these meetings. It is unfortunate that the entire school can not as yet be assembled at one time. At present it is necessary for the three upper classes to meet at one time and the freshman class at another. Because of this the freshmen are deprived of the privilege of attending many of the interesting assemblies held during the year.

The Harvard Book Prize was presented last year by Mr. John Colony of the School Board to Clarence Farr for excellence in scholarship and character.

Miss Barbara Wilbur won the state championship for excellence in Public Speaking at the State Contest at Durham. Many excellent inter class debates have been held and considerable interest maintained in this branch of English. I think it would be an excellent thing for the school if the services of Miss Belknap could be used entirely for training our pupils for public speaking and reading. This would necessitate another English teacher.

The two cups given annually by the Exchange Club were presented by Paul Shedd. One to Floyd Shaw for improvement in study, the other to Henry Lane for general excellence in athletics.

The department of music has as usual brought credit to our school. The orchestra is admitted to be one of the best; the school chorus has come to be a valuable addition to the program of the chorus club, and now a high school band will soon be a feature of the coming years. Through the generosity of the Rotary Club, and the enthusiastic and unselfish services of Mr. Karl Beedle enough money has been raised to equip a band of thirty pieces. The players now meet several times weekly at the high school and give promise of becoming a valuable addition both to the school and the community.

The Enterprise and the Year Book of last year were each superior in quality and added much to the life and morale of the school.

The scholastic relations of all concerned and interested in the school remain mutually harmonious and helpful.

The School Board has wisely supervised and provided for the needs of the school. The Superintendent has made many helpful suggestions, the teachers have worked faithfully and well, the pupils have been studious and courteous, the morale of the school is excellent, the public generous and interested, and under these most favorable relations the school has prospered.

WILLIS O. SMITH,
Headmaster.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES OF THE CLASS OF 1926

CLASSICAL COURSE

John Henry Adams	Philip Senter Robbins
Marjorie Ellen Aldrich	Madeline Elizabeth Stone
Muriel Clarissa Aldrich	Gertrude Eleanor Thomas
Charles Russell Hanna	Ruth Sheldon Towne
Helena Louise Hayward	Elizabeth Andrea Tracy
Jorna Leo Kangas	Beatrice Whitecomb
Laura Linea Kononan	Rachel Alice Woodward

COMMERCIAL COURSES

Arthur Edgar Bourque	Lester Georgina
Gladys May Bridge	Jessie Algisa Giovannangeli
Margaret Carey	Pearl Gertrude Hale
Gladys May Clark	Mae Margaret Harrington
Edward Maurice Cotter	Mabel Lo Emma Hopkins
Oscar Joseph Crocker	Ruth Amelia Hutchinson
Hazel Gertrude Drugg	John Herbert Keane
Edward Joseph Dugray	Myrtle Kelly
Ida May Howard Dunham	Dorothy Marylyn Kirk
Christina Eugenia Ek	Estelle Helen Ladd
Lorna Willetta Elwyn	Rosalind Levine
Paul Dearborn Emery	Marion Frances Martin

Charles Tappan Meloon	William Cornelius Sullivan
Viola Blanche Nelson	Vera Carolyn Taylor
Margaret Elizabeth O'Brien	Grace Mary Thompson
Dorris Ethel Patnode	Kenneth Earl Vose
Elwyn Allen Perham	Mary Elizabeth Wallbank
Kathleen Elsie Perham	Leona Martha Wheeler
Ralph Thompson Pickett	Elvira Emma Whitney
Rosamond Russell Pierce	Lila Elizabeth Wilder
Marion Lucille Pratt	Marion Evelyn Wyman
Mary Elizabeth Sullivan	

MECHANIC ARTS COURSE

Frederick Edward Delude	Elisha Frederick Lane
Herman Clifford Erwin	Harold Emil Plante
James Herbert Henry	John William Reed
Hunter Stuart Kingsbury	

DOMESTIC ARTS COURSE

Alice Christine Halpin	Olive Emma Osborne
Ruth Louise Harris	Elsie Mae Robbins
Dorothy Helena Hoisington	Madelyn Clark Slade
Dorothy Florence Kingsbury	Ruth Elnore Weston

GENERAL COURSE

Ruth May Austin	Helen Olive Huovinen
Frank Betts	Ellsworth Paul Martin
George Revell Duston	Walter Randall Messer
Frederick Adams Farrar	Henry Clesson Moore
Dorothy Hazel Faunce	Kenneth Robinson
Sumner Levi Fuller	Evelyn Louise Strout
Christine Alma Guillow	Gertrude Mabel Upton
Freida Frances Haynes	Marcia Wheelock
Bayard Stafford Huntley	

REPORT OF THE EVENING SCHOOL

The Keene Evening School has a larger enrollment this year than ever, and the attendance has been uniformly high. The teachers in charge are the same as in the previous year, being:

Grade I, Mrs. Willis O. Smith, with 25 pupils.

Grade II, Mrs. Barbara Doucoumes, with 26 pupils.

Grade III, Mr. Frank Robinson, with 15 pupils.

Making a total of 66 pupils. Their ages range from 15 to 55 years.

The following nationalities are represented:

French Canadian with 23 pupils.

German with 15 pupils.

Greek with 8 pupils.

Finnish with 11 pupils.

Russian with 4 pupils.

Lithuanian with 1 pupil.

Italian with 1 pupil.

American with 3 pupils.

A pleasant Christmas exercise was conducted by the students, which included the singing in national groups and in native tongue Christmas and folk songs.

Refreshments were served and a good time enjoyed by all.

MRS. WILLIS O. SMITH,

For the Evening School.

MEDICAL INSPECTION FROM SEPTEMBER 1926 TO MARCH 1927

Medical Inspection of all schools has been made as usual. Every child present has been given a complete physical examination and report of same sent to parent or guardian.

Many children with remedial defects have had corrections made through the efforts of the school nurse and the cooperation of Hospital, doctors and district nurses.

Through the generosity of the Red Cross and the Ladies Charitable Society a number of children have had tonsil and adenoid operations who otherwise could not have had treatment.

A big stride toward better health in our schools has been the opportunity for Junior high pupils to have one period of gymnasium a week, under the able direction of Mr. Harold Drew and Miss Helen Brown.

All schools have been equipped with sanitary soapitons and paper toweling, which gives an added incentive for cleanliness.

A fine example of proper food for boys and girls is now being served in our High School lunch room under the most attractive conditions and is greatly appreciated by all the students.

Defects found in last examination:

Number of children examined,	2,300
Excused at parents request,	0
*Vision,	279
Hearing,	8
Cardiac,	14

Pulmonary,	7
Speech,	10
Skin,	90
Posture,	200
Orthopedic,	57
Tonsils,	211
Adenoids,	?
Defective Breathing,	150
Cenrical Glands,	99
Thyroid,	80
Teeth,	584
Legally excused from vaccination,	98
Unvaccinated without legal excuse,	40
*Underweight,	97
Pediculosis,	40

*Incomplete.

We wish to thank all the teachers for their hearty co-operation and support.

We also extend thanks to the Elliot Community Hospital, Red Cross, Rotary Club, Ladies Charitable Society, Medical Profession, District Nurses, Miss Gage, Mrs. Powers, Miss Richardson and Mr. Nims for their help and interest.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. PRATTE, M. D.,
School Physician.

ELIZABETH DAVEY, R. N.,
School Nurse.

REPORT OF SCHOOL DENTIST

The work of the Dental Clinic has been carried on vigorously. There have been two clinics each week and a great deal of work has been accomplished.

The following is a report of the work that has been done :

Teeth cleaned and examined,	302
Teeth filled,	269
Teeth treated,	75
Extractions of teeth with novocaine,	69

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH J. PARKER,

School Dentist.

REPORT OF THE ATTENDANCE OFFICER

TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

September, 1926 to March, 1927

Number of cases investigated,		292
Illegally employed,	2	
Truants and found on the street,	31	
Illegally kept at home,	18	
Sickness of pupil,	129	
Lack of proper clothing and shoes,	17	
Prosecutions,	3	
Left Keene,	28	
Completed 8 grades or over 16,	4	
Sickness in family,	20	
Changed schools,	8	
Moved to Keene and not attending,	10	
Not vaccinated,	7	
Other causes,	15	
Total,	292	

DON J. WILLIAMS,
Attendance Officer.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS OF SCHOOL POPULATION AND SCHOOL MONEY

Years	No. of schools *	No. of teachers.	ANNUAL ENUMER- ATION. (Children of school age.)			School member- ship: (total number of dif- ferent pupils.)	Average attend- ance.	Per cent member- ship of enumer- ation.	Per cent attend- ance of member- ship.	Total amount school money raised. †	Average amount per pupil of school membership.
			Boys	Girls	Total						
1877-78	20	23	543	511	1,054	1,107	883	105 0	79 8	\$12,025.18	\$10.86
1878-79	20	23	492	463	955	1,115	882	116.6	79.1	10,510.32	9.43
1879-80	22	25	494	513	1,007	1,205	945	119.6	78.4	12,242.93	10.16
1880-81	22	26	520	513	1,033	1,196	876	115.8	73.3	13,044.59	10.90
1881-82	22	26	602	585	1,187	1,204	916	101.4	76.1	12,997.09	10.80
1882-83	22	26	491	570	1,061	1,172	914	110.1	78.0	13,912.05	11.09
1883-84	22	26	506	503	1,009	1,174	925	116.4	79.0	12,121.39	10.33
1884-85	22	26	507	502	1,009	1,183	958	117.2	81.0	15,112.35	12.81
1885-86	22	26	528	476	1,004	1,161	912	115.6	78.6	14,147.92	12.19
1886-87	18	23	529	466	995	872	692	87.7	79.4	12,036.06	13.80
1887-88	19	23	555	515	1,070	891	709	83.2	79.5	15,609.83	17.52
1888-89	20	25	599	489	1,088	964	748	82.6	77.6	16,802.88	17.43
1889-90	20	25	559	469	1,028	969	724	94.2	74.7	16,941.81	17.48
1890-91	20	26	538	408	1,006	1,015	778	100.9	76.7	16,951.71	16.70
1891-92	20	26	518	504	1,022	1,021	772	100.0	75.6	17,825.76	17.46
1892-93	19	25	553	476	1,035	1,055	811	101.9	77.8	16,834.10	15.96
1893-94	20	24	527	485	1,012	1,155	904	114.1	78.4	16,592.00	14.37
1894-95	22	26	610	503	1,013	1,162	921	104.4	79.3	15,362.26	13.22
1895-96	23	29	548	523	1,071	1,195	948	111.5	79.3	18,739.15	15.68
1896-97	23	30	617	540	1,157	1,221	1,001	105.5	82.0	19,185.49	15.53
1897-98	24	32	642	666	1,308	1,385	1,002	105.8	79.6	18,405.75	13.29
1898-99	24	35	537	586	1,123	1,402	1,103	124.8	78.7	22,580.81	16.10
1899-00	25	38	678	717	1,395	1,408	1,164	100.9	82.7	21,203.21	15.06
1900-01	25	39	673	751	1,424	1,464	1,053	102.8	71.9	20,633.02	14.09
1901-02	25	40	730	796	1,526	1,476	1,198	96.7	81.2	24,557.08	16.63
1902-03	25	41	751	783	1,534	1,494	1,197	97.4	80.1	24,197.72	16.20
1903-04	36	53	809	840	1,649	1,768	1,367	107.2	77.3	25,992.00	14.70
1904-05	38	55	889	890	1,779	1,656	1,324	93.1	79.9	25,960.00	15.67
1905-06	38	56	915	927	1,842	1,632	1,327	89.0	81.3	29,292.50	17.95
1906-07	38	57	913	934	1,847	1,645	1,316	88.9	80.0	30,992.50	18.84
1907-08	38	56	859	979	1,838	1,632	1,340	88.9	82.1	33,851.50	20.74
1908-09	39	56	845	1027	1,872	1,666	1,395	89.0	83.8	33,877.50	20.24
1909-10	39	56	888	974	1,862	1,674	1,342	89.3	80.0	32,672.50	19.52
1910-11	39	56	882	1003	1,885	1,672	1,429	88.7	86.0	34,642.50	20.72
1911-12	38	56	875	1044	1,919	1,678	1,437	88.0	85.0	37,367.50	22.27
1912-13	38	56	900	1063	1,963	1,740	1,463	88.6	84.1	41,307.50	23.74
1913-14	40	60	906	1063	1,969	1,742	1,481	88.4	84.9	49,722.50	28.54
1914-15	40	54	1037	983	2,022	1,822	1,558	90.0	85.5	53,523.81	29.37
1915-16	41	57	1010	976	1,986	1,969	1,536	99.1	78.0	54,037.10	27.44
1916-17	42	64	1020	1025	2,045	1,930	1,526	94.3	84.0	56,822.50	29.44
1917-18	42	59	1010	1050	2,060	1,933	1,551	93.8	80.2	82,484.23	42.67
1918-19	42	57	1063	1111	2,174	2,085	1,493.7	95.4	71.1	91,583.58	43.74
1919-20	42	60	1148	1186	2,334	2,209	1,700.63	94.6	76.9	118,253.25	53.53
1920-21	43	71	1167	1223	2,390	2,120	1,801	88.0	85.0	133,582.76	63.01
1921-22	46	75	1171	1244	2,415	2,134	1,942	88.0	91.0	146,932.09	68.85
1922-23	50	81	1218	1276	2,494	2,176	2,043	87.2	93.9	140,380.00	64.51
1923-24	42	65	1194	1108	2,302	2,071	1,905.3	89.9	92.0	140,505.00	67.84
1924-25	42	61	1094	1124	2,218	2,287	2,171	103.0	94.9	151,055.00	66.05
1925-26	42	59	1161	1188	2,349	2,234	2,103	95.1	94.1	156,655.00	70.12

* Below High school grade.

† Not including amounts raised for evening schools nor for new buildings or sites.

REPORT OF FIRST SEMESTER, 1926-1927

Central Junior High School:

Number of pupils in Commercial Course,	189
Number of pupils in French Course,	58

Enrollment by ages:

Number under 14 years of age,	167
Number between 14 and 16 years of age,	75
Number over 16 years of age,	5
Average membership,	234
Average attendance,	226
Percent of attendance,	96.

Franklin Junior High School:

Number of pupils in Commercial Course,	67
Number of pupils in French Course,	0

Enrollment by ages:

Number under 14 years of age,	48
Number between 14 and 16 years of age,	17
Number under 16 years of age,	65
Average membership,	61.84
Average attendance,	59.75
Per cent of attendance,	96.62

Symonds Junior High school:

Number of pupils in Commercial Course,	34
Number of pupils in French Course,	0

Enrollment by ages:

Number under 14 years of age,	25
Number between 14 and 16 years of age,	8
Number over 16 years of age,	1
Average membership,	28.88
Average attendance,	27.50
Per cent of attendance,	95.00

ENROLLMENT OF ELEMENTARY, JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOLS

	Boys	Girls	Total
High School:			
I Year,	89	116	205
II Year,	72	97	169
III Year,	78	67	145
IV Year,	58	62	120
Post Graduates,	3	7	10
	300	349	649
Central Junior High:			
7th Grade,	64	64	128
8th Grade,	66	53	119
	130	117	247
Franklin Junior High:			
7th Grade,	17	15	32
8th Grade,	11	24	35
	28	39	67
5th Grade,	20	14	34
6th Grade,	19	21	40
	39	35	74
Symonds Junior High			
7th Grade,	10	9	19
8th Grade,	6	9	15
	16	18	34

1st Grade,	9	16	25
2nd Grade,	18	11	29
3rd Grade,	14	10	24
4th Grade,	10	6	16
5th Grade,	13	4	17
6th Grade,	9	11	20
	73	58	131
Washington:			
1st Grade,	26	15	41
2nd Grade,	10	14	24
3rd Grade,	21	19	40
4th Grade,	22	17	39
	79	65	144
Tilden:			
1st Grade,	13	12	25
2nd Grade,	20	13	33
3rd Grade,	10	10	20
4th Grade,	15	16	31
5th Grade,	14	12	26
6th Grade,	9	18	27
	81	81	162
Cleveland:			
1st Grade,	9	11	20
2nd Grade,	5	5	10
3rd Grade,	6	6	12
4th Grade,	5	3	8
5th Grade,	7	6	13
	32	31	63
Lincoln:			
1st Grade,	39	20	59
2nd Grade,	16	14	30
3rd Grade,	26	20	46

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4th Grade,	12	14	26
5th Grade,	12	8	20
6th Grade,	19	19	38
	124	95	219
Roosevelt :			
Kindergarten,	8	7	15
1st Grade,	20	20	40
2nd Grade,	14	14	28
3rd Grade,	11	17	28
4th Grade,	16	16	32
5th Grade,	9	8	17
6th Grade,	12	14	26
	90	96	186
Fuller :			
1st Grade,	15	11	26
2nd Grade,	7	2	9
3rd Grade,	2	6	8
4th Grade,	8	9	17
	32	28	60
South Keene :			
1st Grade,	2	5	7
2nd Grade,	2	3	5
3rd Grade,	4	1	5
4th Grade,	4	3	7
5th Grade,	1		1
6th Grade,	3	2	5
	16	14	30
Wheelock :			
Kindergarten,	20	20	40
1st Grade,	28	24	52
2nd Grade,	14	16	30
3rd Grade,	16	18	34

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4th Grade,	14	20	34
5th Grade,	21	10	31
6th Grade,	16	27	43
	129	135	264
Four Corners:			
1st Grade,	1	0	1
2nd Grade,	0	2	2
3rd Grade,	1	2	3
4th Grade,	1	1	2
5th Grade,	2	2	4
6th Grade,	1	2	3
7th Grade,	3	3	6
8th Grade,	2	1	3
	11	13	24
Total enrollment in the Elementary Schools,			1,357
Total enrollment in the Junior High Schools,			348
Total enrollment in the Senior High School,			649
			2354

SUMMARY OF GRADES

Kg.	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	P.G.T.
Boys:													
28	162	106	111	107	99	88	94	85	89	72	78	58	3 1180
Girls:													
27	134	94	109	105	64	114	91	87	116	97	67	62	7 1174
Total:													
55	296	200	220	212	163	202	185	172	205	169	145	120	10 2354

KEENE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE

(First Semester 1926-1927)

High School:

Total enrollment, 1926-1927,	649
Average membership,	618
Average daily attendance,	580
Average per cent of attendance,	93

Junior High School:

Total enrollment, 1926-1927,	348
Average membership,	324
Average daily attendance,	313
Average per cent of attendance,	95

Elementary Schools:

Total enrollment, 1926-1927,	1,357
Average membership,	1,168
Average daily attendance,	1,124
Average per cent of attendance,	96

SUMMARY OF JUNE REPORTS

FOR FIVE YEARS

	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926
Whole number registered,	2,138	2,090	2,012	2,204	2,157
Boys,	1,035	1,016	987	1,082	1,082
Girls,	1,103	1,074	1,025	1,122	1,075
*Number under 5 years of age,	25	8	44	26	13
*Number between 5-8 years,	472	448	329	402	417
*Number between 8-14 years,	1,040	1,044	1,020	1,168	1,033
*Number between 14-16 years,	329	376	354	413	411
*Number over 16 years,	207	214	265	195	241
Average attendance,	1,756.2	1,735	1,430.64	1,847.91	1,891.65
Average absence,	134.3	111	118.36	98.56	117.33
Average membership,	1,890.5	1,847	1,549	1,946.47	2,008.98
Percent attendance,	91.03	93.4	92	94.93	94.15
**Pupils not absent nor tardy,	97	83	34	110	116
Tardiness,	2,540	1,630	1,445	1,616	1,952

*Attended two weeks—represents a net registration.

**1924—Low on account of epidemic of measles.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER, 1926-1927

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand March 10, 1927,	\$14,552.78
City Treasurer,	202,863.75
High School tuition,	12,648.59
Rent of Greenlawn Street House,	385.00
Keene Normal School, cleaning shool house,	11.40
Old outstanding checks, cancelled,	30.16
Y. M. C. A., use of High School gymnasium,	57.73
Greenfield High School, damage to lockers,	15.00
Received from sale of obsolete typewriter,	5.00
	\$230,569.41

EXPENDITURES

	General Expenses	High School	Elementary Schools
Administration:			
Salaries of district officers,	\$1,450.00		
Superintendent's excess salary,	1,900.00		
Truant officer and census,	587.88		
Expenses of administration,	\$6,383.72		
Instruction:			
Principal's and teachers' salaries,	\$42,861.78	\$40,870.00	
Textbooks,	2,390.36	1,557.75	

	Total Expenditures	General Expenses	High School	Elementary Schools
Scholar's supplies,	3,580.21		2,300.36	1,279.85
Flags and appurtenances,	55.64		9.00	46.64
Other expenses of instruction,	124.61		91.72	32.89
Operation and Maintenance of School Plant:				
Janitors' salaries,	9,134.57		3,053.66	6,080.91
Fuel,	9,196.82		3,008.29	6,188.53
Water, light and janitor supplies,	3,102.31		1,609.55	1,492.76
Minor repairs and expenses,	8,546.65		2,506.42	6,040.23
Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities:				
Health supervision,	3,211.78			3,211.78
Transportation of pupils,	4,608.50			4,608.50
Payment of tuition,	30,595.24			30,595.24
Other special activities,	578.94			11.65
Fixed Charges:				
Insurance,	328.45	328.45		
Outlay for Construction and Equipment:				
Land and new buildings,	1,491.95			
New equipment,	8,346.67	9,838.62		
Debt and Interest and Other Charges:				
High school building bonds,	10,000.00			

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	Total Expenditures	General Expenses	High School	Elementary Schools
High school addition bonds,	10,000.00			
Roosevelt building bonds,	5,000.00			
Lincoln school addition bonds,	5,000.00	30,000.00		
Payment of Interest on Debt:				
High school building bonds,	525.00			
High school addition bonds,	3,612.50			
Roosevelt building bonds,	1,375.00			
Lincoln school addition bonds,	743.75			
Coolidge lot note,	682.50	6,938.75		
Tax for State Wide Supervision:	4,270.00	4,270.00		
Evening School:	392.66	392.66		
Academy House:	230.98	230.98		
Taxes Greenlawn Street House:	50.00	50.00		
Rent Keene Academy:	680.00	680.00		
Miscellaneous:	10.29	10.29		
Total payment for all purposes,	\$219,538.63	\$59,123.47	\$58,398.43	\$102,016.73
Cash on hand March 10, 1927,	11,030.78			
	\$230,569.41			

PROPERTY BELONGING TO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

The area of lots and valuation of lands and school houses in the City of Keene, belonging to Union School District, is as follows:

	Area of Lot Square Feet	Valuation	
		Land	Buildings
High school,	73,500	\$19,500.00	\$250,000.00
Junior High school,	28,400	6,100.00	60,000.00
Tilden school,	19,850	625.00	20,000.00
Fuller school,	14,850	300.00	4,000.00
North Washington school,	22,675	470.00	3,000.00
Roosevelt school,	64,500	3,000.00	50,000.00
Washington school,	61,235	7,275.00	20,000.00
Franklin school,			20,000 00
Lincoln school,	32,080	900.00	40,000.00
Wheelock school,	59,020	1,500.00	40,000.00
Cleveland school,	2,100	525.00	5,000.00
Surburban school buildings,			15,300.00
	378,210	\$40,195.00	\$527,300.00

Total area, 378,210 square feet or 8.7 acres.

Total valuation:

Lands,	\$40,195.00
Buildings,	527,300.00

Total valuation,	\$567,495.00
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BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, LOAN OF 1912

Due	Rate of Interest	Amount Due
1927	3½ per cent,	\$10,000 00
		\$10,000 00

ROOSEVELT SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, LOAN OF 1921

Due	Rate of Interest	Amount Due
1927	5 per cent	\$5,000 00
1928	"	5,000 00
1929	"	5,000 00
1930	"	5,000 00
1931	"	5,000 00
		\$25,000 00

UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT, KEENE, N. H., HIGH SCHOOL BONDS, LOAN OF 1924

Due	Rate of Interest	Amount Due
1927	4¼ per cent	\$10,000 00
1928	"	10,000 00
1929	"	10,000 00
1930	"	10,000 00
1931	"	10,000 00
1932	"	10,000 00
1933	"	10,000 00
1934	"	10,000 00
		\$80,000 00

UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT, KEENE, N. H., LINCOLN
SCHOOL BONDS, LOAN OF 1925

Due	Rate of Interest	Amount Due
1927	4½ per cent	\$5,000 00
1928	"	5,000 00
1929	"	5,000 00
		\$15,000 00
Total bonded indebtedness of Union School District,		\$130,000 00

COOLIDGE LOT NOTE, \$19,500.00.

In favor of City of Keene, dated October 2, 1911, due October 1, 1961, interest at 3½ per cent, payable April 1st and October 1st.

REQUIRED ANNUAL REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

TO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

I. BUDGET, (School Money):

Amount of money needed for support of schools and for statutory requirements (See Laws).

Administration:

Salaries of board of education,
Salaries of other district officers,
Superintendent's excess salary,
Expenses of administration,
Truant officer and school census,

Total
Estimates
\$240.00
1,010.00
1,900.00
2,000.00
700.00

\$5,850.00

High
School
Elementary
Schools

Instruction:

Principals', supervisors, and teachers' salaries,
Text books and scholars' supplies,
Flags and appurtenances,
Other expenses of instruction,
Evening school,

\$44,000.00 \$42,000.00
4,500.00 3,000.00
25.00 25.00
100.00 100.00
450.00 450.00

94,175.00

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	Total Estimates	High School	Elementary Schools
Operation and Maintenance of School Plant:			
Janitor service,	9,000.00	3,000.00	6,000.00
Fuel,	8,000.00	2,500.00	5,500.00
Water, Light and Janitors' Supplies,	2,800.00	1,500.00	1,300.00
Minor repairs of building,	7,500.00	2,500.00	5,000.00
Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities:			
Health supervision,	2,500.00	500.00	2,000.00
Transportation of pupils,	4,000.00		4,000.00
State Normal School,	31,500.00		31,500.00
Elementary school tuition,	500.00	400.00	100.00
Other special activities,			
Fixed Charges:			
Insurance,	1,000.00		
Rent, Academy Property,	680.00	680.00	
		59,680.00	100,975.00
Outlay for Construction and Equipment:			
New equipment,	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Debt Service:			
Payment, High School building notes,	10,000.00		

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	Total Estimates	High School	Elementary Schools
Payment, High School addition, building notes,	10,000.00		
Payment, Roosevelt building notes,	5,000.00		
Payment Lincoln School addition notes,	5,000.00		
Interest, High School Building notes,	175.00		
Interest, High School addition, building notes,	3,187.50		
Interest, Roosevelt building notes,	1,125.00		
Interest Lincoln School addition notes,	531.25		
Interest, Coolidge lot notes,	682.50	35,701.25	
New Hampshire per capita tax,	\$4,064.00	4,064.00	
Total of all requirements,		<u>\$209,270.25</u>	

II. Requirements to meet Budget:

(a) For support of elementary schools,	\$100,525.00	
(b) For support of high school,	59,680.00	
(c) For support of evening school,	450.00	
(d) For expenses of administration,	5,850.00	
(e) For insurance,	1,000.00	
		\$167,505.00

III. Assessment Required:

1. For the support of Schools etc.: (See I and II)		
(a) Statutory requirements: \$3.50 tax on equalized valuation of \$20,220,358,	\$70,771.26	
(b) Additional sum needed,	96,733.74	
		\$167,505.00
2. Outlay for construction and equipment:		
New equipment,	2,000.00	
		\$2,000.00
3. Statutory requirements:		
(a) For the payment of per capita tax,	\$4,064.00	
		\$4,064.00
(b) For the payment of debt:		
High school building notes,	10,000.00	
High school addition building notes,	10,000.00	
Roosevelt building notes,	5,000.00	
Lincoln addition building notes,	5,000.00	

(c) For the payment of interest:

High school building notes,	175.00
High school addition building notes,	3,187.50
Roosevelt building notes,	1,125.00
Lincoln school addition building notes,	531.25
Coolidge lot note,	682.50

\$35,701.25

Total of all requirements,

\$209,270.25

(SCHOOL WARRANT)

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Cheshire, ss.

To the inhabitants of Union School District, in the City of Keene, qualified to vote in school district affairs.

You are hereby notified and warned to meet at High School Hall in said District, on Thursday, the twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, at 8 o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator for the ensuing year.

ART 2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To hear the reports of the treasurer, and take any action thereon deemed necessary.

ART. 4. To elect one or more members of the board of education.

ART. 5. To elect a treasurer of the district and one or more auditors.

ART. 6. To see what sum of money, if any, the district will vote to raise and appropriate, in addition to the sum required by law, for the support of schools, for the repair and equipment of school houses; to pay the board of education; to pay the agent of the district; to pay the treasurer of the dis-

trict; to pay the auditor of the district; to pay the truant officer; to pay insurance on school buildings; to pay for water service; to pay for rent of the Dinsmore property; to pay all other statutory obligations of the district.

ART. 7. To see if the district will vote to erect an addition to the Tilden School Building, to furnish the same, to appoint a committee to have the same in charge, and to raise and appropriate money therefor.

ART. 8. To see what sum of money, if any, the district will vote to raise and appropriate for the construction of a new school building in West Keene and for additional land. (by petition).

ART. 9. To see if the district will vote to acquire a lot for a new school building in West Keene, or to appoint a committee with power to acquire the same, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

ART. 10. To see if the district will vote for a special committee of five, of whom three shall be members of the board of education, to be appointed, with the power and duty of causing to be erected and furnished a suitable school building in West Keene on any lot which may be now held or hereafter acquired by the district for school purposes, and raise and appropriate money for such building and its equipment.

ART. 11. To see if the district will authorize the board of education to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the current year for current expenses and to be paid back from such taxes.

ART. 12. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal at Keene, this 8th day of March, 1927.

ROBERT T. KINGSBURY,
WILLIAM H. WATSON,
CARRIE E. WHITCOMB,
MARION B. NIMS,
ROY M. PICKARD,
JOHN J. COLONY,
ADOLF W. PRESSLER,

Board of Education.

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ROBERT T. KINGSBURY.....	Moderator
WILTON H. SPALTER.....	Clerk
HAROLD I. CHANDLER.....	Treasurer
GEORGE H. SHERWIN.....	Auditor

BOARD OF EDUCATION

	Term Expires
ROBERT T. KINGSBURY, 110 Court St.....	1926
WILLIAM H. WATSON, 92 Court St.....	1926
CARRIE E. WHITCOMB, 133 School St.....	1926
CHARLES C. STURTEVANT, 112 Washington St.....	1927
MRS. A. B. NIMS, 17 Federal St.....	1927
ROY M. PICKARD, 40 North Lincoln St.....	1927
JOHN J. COLONY, 104 West St.....	1928
ADOLF W. PRESSLER, 24 Beaver St.....	1928
JOHN D. PROCTOR, 61 Winter St.....	1928

Regular meetings of the Board are held at the High School Building on the second Monday of each month, except August, at 7:30 P. M.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

ROBERT T. KINGSBURY.....	President
CHARLES C. STURTEVANT.....	Secretary
WILLIAM H. WATSON.....	Agent

STANDING COMMITTEES

High School—Messrs. Watson, Colony, Sturtevant, Miss Whitecomb, Mrs. Nims.

Elementary Schools—Messrs. Pickard, Watson, Miss Whitecomb.

Elementary School Buildings—Messrs. Pressler, Colony, Kingsbury.

Academy Property—Messrs. Kingsbury, Pressler, Mrs. Nims.

Finance—Messrs. Sturtevant, Colony, Pickard.

Health—Messrs. Proctor, Watson, Mrs. Nims.

Evening School—Messrs. Sturtevant, Pickard, Mrs. Nims.

Under the contract with the State of New Hampshire, the Wheelock, Junior High and the Four Corners Schools, are now under the management of the State.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

TO THE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

To the Citizens of Union School District:

The sixtieth annual report of the Board of Education is presented herewith, together with the report of the Treasurer. Included are the reports of the Superintendent of Schools, Headmaster of the High School, Health Department and Attendance Officer as well as the several Supervisors, and these are all commended to your careful consideration.

Perhaps the most important accomplishment of the year was the completion of the High School addition and its occupancy at the commencement of the school year. The additional room that it provides is of vital importance as the registration in the High School this year has reached 603, a gain of 75 over the preceeding year. The gymnasium has not only been immediately popular with pupils and public in competitive games, but the new department of Physical Education under Athletic Director Drew has made a splendid first year record. Two thirds of all the pupils have engaged in supervised exercise or games and, in addition, a large amount of individual corrective work is being done. More thorough physical examinations of High School pupils than heretofore possible have revealed many opportunities for the department and it is hoped that further advance in physical education may be made during the coming year.

Another important building addition completed during the year was at the Lincoln School, where two rooms and a new Domestic Arts room were added. This is now a six room, six grade standard building and has been in successful use since

the first of January, relieving the congestion in that vicinity. With these added rooms and the opportunity for more flexibility in arranging school districts, there seems no present indication of any crowded conditions during the coming year.

The registration during the past year has been the largest in the history of the city and the percentage of attendance, 94.9% for all schools, is also the highest that it has ever been. Records and comparative tests also indicate that commendable progress has been made in practically all the schools as well as in the supervised departments of music, drawing, manual and domestic arts.

Cost per pupil have been maintained at considerable less than the average for the other cities of the state, without sacrifice in efficiency and the board is glad to testify to the interest and co-operation of superintendent, headmaster, heads of departments and all teachers whose efforts have made this possible.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF EDUCATION,

Robert T. Kingsbury, Pres.

CENTRAL OFFICE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

KEENE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

17 Washington Street

Wm. C. T. Adams, Superintendent Schools, Union School District, 17 Washington Street, Telephone 1020.

Office hours: School Days 8 to 9 A. M. and 4 to 5 P. M.,
Saturdays 9 to 12.

Stella A. Thomas, Secretary to the Superintendent, 17 Washington Street, Telephone 1020.

Office hours: School Days 8 to 12 and 1:30 to 4:30, Saturdays 8 to 12.

A. A. Pratte, School Physician, 10 Center St.

Mrs. M. Elizabeth Davey, R. N., School Nurse, 55 Wilder St.

Ralph J. Parker, School Dentist, 48 Main St.

Don J. Williams, Truant Officer, Colony Block.

HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1925-1926

Fall Term. September 8—December 18.

Vacation. December 19—January 3.

Winter Term. January 4—March 26.

Vacation. March 27—April 4.

Spring Term. April 5—June 18.

GRADE SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 8—December 18.....	15 Weeks
January 4—February 19.....	7 Weeks
March 1—April 16.....	7 Weeks
April 26—June 18	8 Weeks

Three blasts on whistles of Impervious Package Company, Keene Woodenware Co., C. L. Russell Chair Co., and Sprague & Carleton, as follows:

8.05—No forenoon session.

11.05—One session. Grades above the second will remain in school until 1 o'clock.

1.05—No afternoon session.

LIST OF TEACHERS

William C. T. Adams, Superintendent of Schools, A. M. (Harvard and Minnesota) M. S. (Upper Iowa University) Ph. D. (Taylor) LL. D. (Highland).

HIGH SCHOOL

NAME	WHERE EDUCATED	ASSIGNMENT
Willis O. Smith, A. B.	Dartmouth College	Headmaster
Charles R. Dresser	Salem Comm. College	Commercial Subjects
Elwin Damon	Bridgewater Normal School	Chemistry & Biology
Harold F. Drew, A. B., A. M.	Middlebury College	Athletics
Robert E. Watkins, B. S.	University of N. H.	Mathematics
Forrest J. Hall, A. B.	Dartmouth College	Manual Arts
Dorothy Ellms	Framingham Normal School	Domestic Arts
Leland E. Tufts	Tufts College	Manual Arts & Math.
Harry W. Davis	Amherst College	Music
Dorothy Atwood Randall, A. B.	Smith College	English
Vera I. Call, A. B.	Smith College	English
Miriam R. Tirrell, A. B.	Wellesley College	French and Spanish
Olivia Rogers, A. B., A. M.	Smith College	French
Carroll H. Lowe, B. S.	University of N. H.	Physics and Algebra
Arline W. Branscombe, A. B.	Boston University	Science and Algebra
Mary B. Clough	Keene Normal School	Economics and Com. Arith.
Marie May, A. B.	University of Maine	English
Helen Hunt, A. B.	Colby College	Latin
Forrest Paige, A. B.	Brown University	History and Math.
Hilda Litchfield, B. S.	Tufts College	Typewriting
Helen Stahl, A. B.	Wellesley College	English
Clara F. Leining, A. B.	Boston University	History
Ingeborg, Laaby, B. S.	Boston University	History
Lily Smith, Secretary to Principal		

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CENTRAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

NAME	WHERE EDUCATED	ASSIGNMENT
Edwin S. Huse	Wesleyan University	Principal, Civics
Frank H. Blackington, Jr., A. B.	Bates College	French
Carroll P. Norton, A. B.	Bowdoin College	Science
Shirley Pollard, B. S.	University of N. H.	Manual Arts
Harry W. Davis	Amherst College	Music
Amy T. Tenney	Keene Normal School	Pennmanship and Geography
Mrs. Della R. Davis	Bridgewater Normal School	Mathematics
Laura G. Fitzgerald	Keene Normal School	History and Geography
Louise Burdett	Yale University	History
Marjorie O. Beach	New Britain Normal School	Algebra and Literature
Mrs. B. F. Sheridan	Framingham Normal School	English
Susie B. Farmer	Boston University	Geometry
Louise Graves	Illinois Normal School	Hygiene
Muriel Cox	Massachusetts Normal Art School	Drawing
Rosamund Ashley	Simmons College	Sewing
Clara M. Sisson	Simmons College	Sewing, Cooking
Louise Norton	University of N. H.	Cooking

FRANKLIN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

*M. Alice Jones, Principal	Bridgewater Normal	Grade 6
Grace Ward, Substitute	Keene Normal School	Grade 6
Paul Pearson	Dartmouth College	Grade 8
Helen Weare	Keene Normal School	Grade 7
Helen Brown	Keene Normal School	Grade 5

SYMONDS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Rachel Dushuttle, Principal	Fitchburg Normal School	Grades 7-8
Flora Applin	Keene Normal School	Grades 5-6
Alyce Stevens	Keene Normal School	Grades 3-4
Bessie Lane	Fitchburg Training School	Grades 1-2

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WASHINGTON SCHOOL		ASSIGNMENT
NAME	WHERE EDUCATED	
Blanche Bacon, Principal	Keene Normal School	Grade 2
Alice Bliss	Keene Normal School	Grade 4
Alice Lord	Keene Normal School	Grade 3
Louise Aldrich	Keene Normal School	Grade 1
TILDEN SCHOOL		
Ruth Blandin, Principal	Keene Normal School	Grades 5-6
*Belle Stone	Keene Normal School	Grade 1
Annie Snow, Substitute	Brattleboro High School	Grade 1
Lucile Bemis	Keene Normal School	Grades 3-4
Hazel Rogers	Keene Normal School	Grades 2-3
FULLER SCHOOL		
Marion Nelson, Principal	Keene Normal School	Grades 3-4
Dorothy Carroll	Keene Normal School	Grades 1-2
CLEVELAND SCHOOL		
Ruby Hanley, Principal	Keene Normal School	Grades 4-5
Beatrice Thayer	Keene Normal School	Grades 1-2-3
LINCOLN SCHOOL		
Mertie Powers, Principal	Plymouth Normal School	Grade 6
Hazel Davis	Castleton Normal School	Grade 5
Mary Ward	Keene Normal School	Grade 4
Amy Haskell	Keene Normal School	Grade 3
Viola Sherwin	Keene Normal School	Grade 2
Jasmin Faxon	Keene and Gorham Normal	Grade 1

ROOSEVELT SCHOOL	
NAME	WHERE EDUCATED
Anne O'Keefe, Principal	
Ismay Estey	Plymouth Normal School
Katherine O'Keefe	Keene Normal School
Goldie Myers	Plymouth Normal School
Alice Muchmore	Keene Normal School
Katherine Gale	Keene Normal School
	Grade 6
	Grades 4-5
	Grades 3-4
	Grade 2
	Grade 1
	Kindergarten

WHEELLOCK SCHOOL	
Bertha Twining, Principal	
Isabel Robertson	Lowell Normal School
Gertrude Merriam	Keene Normal School
Mabel Fisher	Keene Normal School
Dorothy White	Keene Normal School
Bertha Davis	Keene Normal School
Elizabeth Burns	Keene Normal School
	Grade 5
	Grade 6
	Grade 4
	Grade 3
	Grade 2
	Grade 1
	Kindergarten

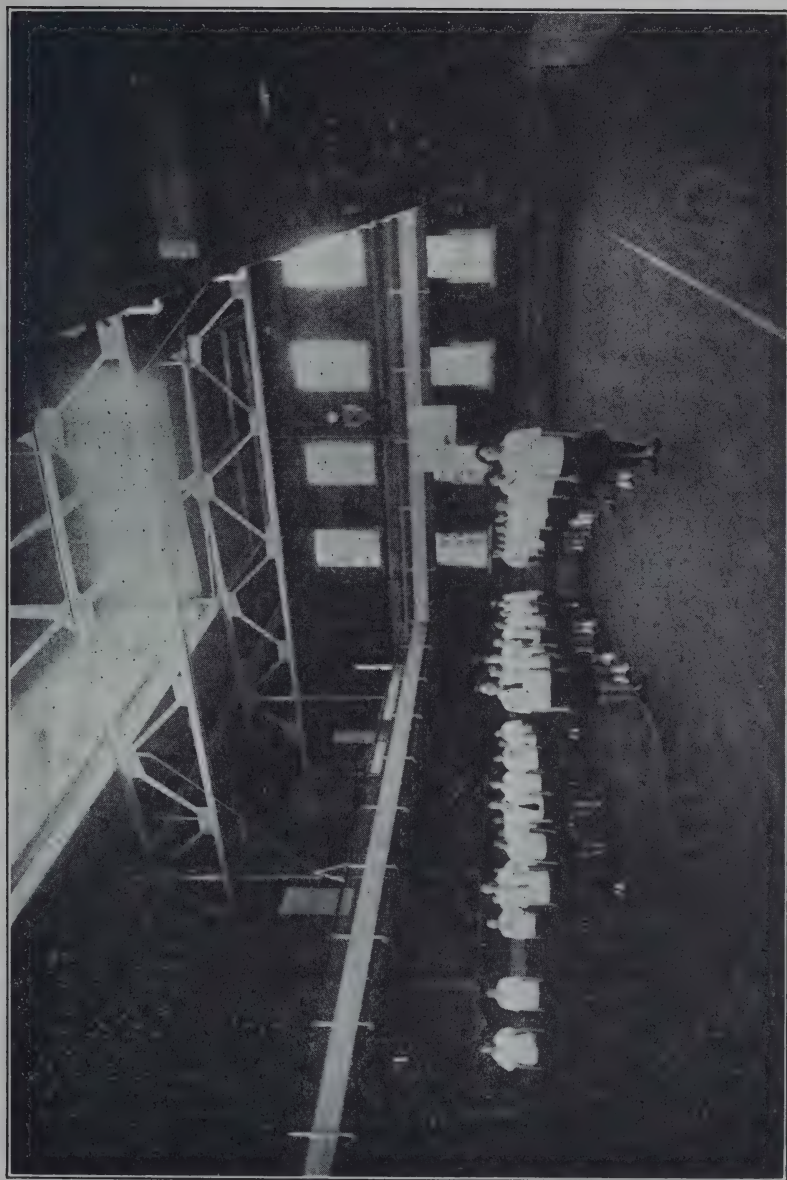
SOUTH KEENE SCHOOL	
Pearl Loiselle	Keene Normal School
	Grades 1-6
FOUR CORNERS SCHOOL	
Ruth Belnap	Wilson Normal School
	Grades 1-8

SUPERVISORS	
Geraldine Holmes	New School of Design
Gladys Doane	Framingham Normal School
A. W. Pressler	
	Music and Drawing
	Domestic Arts
	Manual Arts

JANITORS

High School	Arthur Dean	52 Taylor St.
High School, Assistant Janitor	Charles A. Whittaker	77 Spring St.
Junior High	W. F. Carlin	Barker Blk.
Lincoln	Arthur E. Gunn	29 Coolidge St.
Washington and Franklin	Fred H. Fay	15 Washington St.
Tilden	H. H. Spaulding	36 Green St.
Roosevelt	Chas. Williams	451 Washington St.
Fuller	W. W. Weeks	302 Court St.
Symonds	Walton West	Marlboro, N. H.
Cleveland	J. H. Jones	60 Davis St.
South Keene	Chas. F. G. Eaton	534 Marlboro St.
Wheelock	James Hassett	16 Willow St.

*Granted leave of absence.



GIRLS CLASS IN NEW HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Board of Education, Keene, N. H.

Ladies and gentlemen:

I herewith submit my fifth annual report of the schools of Keene. The report deals briefly with school conditions. It contains statistical information, reports of the Headmaster of the High School, Junior High Schools, Health Department, Departments of Music, Drawing and Domestic Science.

It is with pleasure that the Superintendent reports progress and gain in all grades. The gains in pupil's ranks are not so great as in previous years—the reason being that two years ago, we reached the standard norms, and last year went above them. This year's tests show healthy gains, which is all that can be expected.

The work in the Freshman High School Class for the first semester was very gratifying. All the Junior High Schools have sent their pupils to the High School better prepared than heretofore.

The attendance has been good in all the schools.

DISTRIBUTION OF PUPILS

By changing the district lines last Fall, the pupils are nearly equally distributed and the teaching load more equally divided. Our aim is to have not less than twenty-five nor more than thirty-five pupils assigned to one teacher. As far as possible we are carrying out this plan in Keene.

TEACHERS AND TEACHER CHANGES

There have been but few changes in the teaching force in the grades. Forrest Paige, principal of Franklin Junior High School was transferred to Senior High School. Paul Pearson a graduate of Dartmouth College was elected to fill the vacancy. Mrs. Rachel Dushuttle was transferred to Symonds Junior High School. Miss Helen Weare was elected as teacher to fill the vacancy.

Miss Ruth Blandin was transferred from South Keene to the principalship of Tilden School.

Miss Florence Linnell, Supervisor of Music and Drawing resigned; Miss Geraldine Holmes was elected to fill the vacancy. Miss Gladys Doane, graduate of Framingham Normal School was elected to fill the vacancy of Supervisor of Domestic Science caused by the resignation of Miss Hazel Hegner.

The work of the new teachers in the district is to be commended.

The Superintendent recommends that there be as few changes in the teaching force as possible. The fewer the changes, the better the schools. Team work is essential.

IMPROVING THE TEACHING POWER

It is our constant aim to improve classroom practice, that we may get better results.

This is accomplished in several ways:

1. By emphasizing a few important things each period.
2. By more scientific questioning.
3. By better presentation in recitation.
4. By better and more thoughtout lesson plans.
5. By the use of projects and motivation.
6. By connecting school life with community life.

To sum up; our aim is good citizenship.

In order to carry out this program we have teacher's meetings and conferences. In these conferences, educational

books are read and discussed, viewpoints exchanged, helpful suggestions given, and thus professional growth attained.

Another means of improving teaching is by the use of standardized tests. By the aid of tests the teacher discovers her weak spots in teaching and is able to strengthen them.

The teacher is made familiar with the aims of education, the aim of each subject and the aim of each lesson taught, and test results.

Without further comment we will say that we are doing all we can to build up a strong teaching force.

IMPROVEMENTS

The addition of the High School affords ample room for class room work and laboratory space. The gymnasium is a great asset to the school. The Superintendent's office is greatly appreciated.

The Lincoln School addition relieves the congestion in that district. It provides six rooms and one grade to a teacher, which is in keeping with the school board's policy throughout the city.

Electric lights have been installed in nearly all the school buildings, thus doing away with gas.

Telephones have been placed in several of the schools. This is a great aid to supervision. Thanks are due the Parent-Teachers Associations for the installation of telephones.

New lathes and other equipment have been added to the Manual Arts Department of the High School. The building has been enlarged and a new heating plant installed. All this insures better work in this rapidly growing department.

Many other improvements have taken place through the generosity of the school board.

HIGH SCHOOL

The Superintendent's report of the High School will be brief, since a full report by the Headmaster is found elsewhere.

The work is constantly improving. Entrance requirements to college are becoming harder each year, on account of the great numbers applying for admission. The High School is doing well in preparing our pupils for college entrance.

The work of the Headmaster and his teachers is to be commended.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

There are three Junior High Schools in Keene, each approved by the State Board of Education.

Central Junior High School, Mr. Edwin S. Huse, principal. (This school is used by the Normal School for practice work.)

Franklin Junior High School, Mr. Paul H. Pearson, principal.

Symonds Junior High School, Mrs. Rachel Dushuttle, principal.

All of these schools are doing excellent work as shown by results of the freshmen in the Senior High School.

The Junior High School provides an all around equipment to those pupils who do not intend to go further in school-work. It also brings together pupils of the adolescent period, when there is needed a different type of teaching than in any other period of school life.

Comparative ratings High School Freshman Class, Fall 1925-1926.

The pupils entered from the following Junior High Schools.

School	Pupils	Standing	Failures		% of Failures
			Sub.	Pupils	
Franklin	22	77.9	10	5	11
Central	58	77.9	31	18	13
Symonds	9	76.6	4	2	11

There is a very close coordination of ratings, both in average standing and in per cent of failures, which seems to indicate that all of the Junior High schools are doing about the same grade of work and work which we regard as very creditable for the first term for freshmen.

EVENING SCHOOL

Keene is indeed fortunate in having **but few illiterates**, however there are a considerable number of foreigners who are anxious to improve themselves in the English language, and also to gain a knowledge of American customs, and American institutions. For these reasons an Evening School is maintained with three divisions and **three teachers**.

A full report will be found elsewhere.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE AND MANUAL TRAINING

Keene has made ample provisions for the teaching of Domestic Arts and Manual Training in the Grade Schools. In each of the Grade Schools of four rooms and over, rooms and equipment have been provided for **excellent work**.

The work in the Manual Arts Department is under the direction of Mr. Adolf Pressler, who demands thoroughness, neatness and accuracy in all the work. The work is **all hand work** and the projects turned out, show skillful training. The use and care of tools is stressed.

The Domestic Science is under the direction of Miss Gladys Doane, and the account of the work done in this department is contained in the following report.

REPORT OF DOMESTIC SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

The Domestic Science course of study has been made out according to State requirements. Each school has its **own** model kitchen and in some of the schools, a little dining room.

The Seventh and Eighth grade girls are taught how to plan, cook and serve meals; besides other things. The **guests** are mothers, faculty, members of the school board and others. We have made a special effort this year to invite the mothers as often as possible, because we feel that **they are the ones** most actively interested in what their daughters can do.

The Fifth and Sixth grade girls start the year by sewing.

They make their cooking uniforms, learn how to make underwear, darn, mend, knit, and crochet.

Each grade has half a year of sewing and half a year of cooking, and the number of hours a week, depending on the State requirements for the grade.

The Lincoln School has a new kitchen and the girls have taken much interest in making curtains for the windows and making it as attractive as possible.

The Parent Teacher's Association of the Symonds School have been kind enough to buy new dishes and cooking utensils for the kitchen to meet the needs of the larger classes this year in that school.

Respectfully submitted,

GLADYS DOANE,

Domestic Science Teacher.

MUSIC AND DRAWING

The music and drawing is under the direction of Miss Geraldine Holmes. These have become an important factor in the modern school system, as they provide a wholesome recreation for the children. One of the aims of education is to teach the child how to enjoy his leisure. He needs to know something of art and music to do this.

A full report by Miss Holmes is found below:

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC AND DRAWING

The Supervisor of Music and Drawing makes weekly visits to the larger schools, alternating music and drawing each week. The smaller schools are visited twice a month, the two subjects being taught the same day. As far as possible the work is kept uniform, this depending entirely upon the maturity and ability of the pupils. In both music and drawing the teachers cooperate and carry out the work which the supervisor has planned.

Music: In the First Grade all songs are taught by rote. We also take up a great deal of individual singing which proves

helpful to the children and gives them poise and confidence.

In the Second Year rote songs are continued. Special songs for the seasons, holidays, sports, etc. are taught. Sight reading is taught from exercises on the blackboard.

In the Third Grade the number of rote songs is diminished and sight singing by syllables is taught before attempting to sing the words. The signatures of both the sharps and flats are taught.

There are no rote songs in the Fourth Grade except for special occasions, as for example, Christmas carols and seasonable songs. The new work of the Fourth Grade consists of the sharp and flat chromatics. They sing by syllables and the introduction of two part songs is continued on through the Fifth and Sixth Grades.

Any new problem of time and tune that comes up in the schools is taken up by class and mastered before songs are attempted.

In the Junior High Schools, chorus work is introduced. This chorus meets every Monday afternoon. Also glee club work and orchestra work are taken up.

It is the desire of the supervisor to give the pupils in the grades an appreciation of good music and acquaint them with the various selections and composers.

Drawing: In the First Grade the pupils learn to use the different mediums, pencil, crayons, paste, scissors and colored paper. This is to teach them correct color combinations that they may apply them in their art work.

The Second Grade continues the color scheme working it out in linoleums and cloth pattern form. Illustration of lessons, landscapes, etc. are taken up and especially holiday projects.

In the Third and Fourth Grades the study of coloring is marked and the pupils are taught construction work. Poster work is emphasized. Reading and geography lessons are illustrated.

In the Fifth and Sixth Grades the work is more complicat-

ed. Covers for booklets and folders of various kinds with naturalistic and geometrical design are made. Borders and all-over patterns are worked out.

In Junior High Schools this work is carried along with concrete geometry. Pupils are taught block lettering, color design, etc. Many excellent posters are made by the Junior High pupils.

Recommendations: A full set of different song books are desirable, as the ones now in use have been used for five years, and are about worn out. I recommend sets of triangles, circles, squares etc.

The supervisor wishes to call attention to the excellent cooperation shown by all teachers and to express her appreciation of the attention and aid given to her problems by the superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,

GERALDINE W. HOLMES,
Supervisor of Music and Drawing.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

A complete report will be found elsewhere. Mrs. Elizabeth Davey, school nurse; Dr. A. A. Pratte, school physician; and Dr. R. J. Parker, school dentist; have made reports in detail.

As in recent years the Health Department has had the aid and co-operation of the Associated Charities, the Visiting Nurse Association, the Tubercular Clinic, the Orthopedic Clinic, the City Health Department and Elliot Community Hospital. Also the co-operation of the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, the Y. M. C. A. and the Red Cross.

We have been fortunate this year in not having an epidemic of any kind so far, however there has been a complete examination of all school children and follow up work has then been carried on. We commend the work of this department. A report of each day's work has been filed in the office of the Superintendent.

PARENT-TEACHERS' ASSOCIATIONS

There are eight active Parent Teachers' Associations in Keene Union District. Seven of which are members of the State and National Associations. These associations have been very helpful to the Superintendent in bringing about co-operation between teachers and parents. They are not dictorial, but members talk over matters and offer suggestions which they deem helpful to the school. The associations have materially aided the schools by providing telephones, rest-rooms, and other necessary equipment. The greatest help is the co-operation that they bring to their respective districts. Teachers and parents have been brought closer together where they have discussed the school problems and a better understanding has resulted.

May their good work continue.

REPORT OF SCHOOL VISITS, ADDRESSES AND
OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

September	184	December	60
October	125	January	112
November	108	February	72

Addressed 10 Parent Teacher Association meetings.

Addressed Exchange Club.

Addressed Central Junior High and Franklin Junior High Assemblies.

Addressed Modern Woodmen.

SPECIAL WEEKS

The special weeks have become burdensome to the school system. Personally the Superintendent does not agree with many educators in this matter.

The only weeks that are stressed are Education Week, Music Week, and Health Week, and nothing is done during these weeks to interfere with the regular school work, but in every way the object of the week is stressed.

Education Week comes at the same time that it does all over the nation and attention is called to the work in our schools, where the teachers are doing regular work.

Health Week continues throughout the whole year as we stress health at all times.

Music Week fits in with the May Festival of our city.

Holidays are not overlooked, but the lives of great men are studied during the regular school periods and are a part of the regular school work, as the Superintendent believes in as few interruptions as possible in the regular school work.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion the Superintendent desires to express his heartfelt thanks to the Board of Education for their co-operation. The schools of Keene are in good condition and much credit is due the School Board in providing the Superintendent with equipment and teachers to carry on the work.

The Superintendent appreciates the co-operation given him by the Parent Teachers' Association and asks continuance of their goodwill and support.

The Superintendent wishes to thank the Health Officer, Fred C. Nims, Miss Richardson, Associated Charities, Chamber of Commerce, and all others, who have showed their interest and co-operation during the year. To Headmaster Smith, who has co-operated and assisted in every way possible, the Superintendent desires to express his thanks, also to the Junior High Principals and all the teachers who have worked together for better schools.

The association with the Director of the State Normal School, W. E. Mason, during the past year has been pleasant and helpful, and I desire to express my thanks for the hearty co-operation that he has given during the past year. The work in the Training Schools and those of the Union School District, have been most harmonious during my administration and since the aims of all our schools are one and we are working for

the best interests of the children of the City of Keene, harmony and co-operation are absolutely necessary to bring about these results.

WILLIAM C. T. ADAMS,

Superintendent of Schools.

Keene, N. H., March 1, 1926.

REPORT OF THE HEADMASTER

KEENE HIGH SCHOOL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The registration in the High School this year is the highest yet recorded: Boys 275. Girls 328. Total 603. This is an increase of 75 over last year.

They are enrolled as follows: First Year 199. Second Year 170. Third Year 126. Fourth Year 103. Post graduates 5. The total last year was 528.

There are 241 in the Commercial Course, 122 in the Classical, 125 in the Mechanic Arts Course, 63 in the Domestic Arts Course and 52 in the General Course.

Of the entering class 62 were admitted by promotion from the Central Junior High, 22 from Franklin Junior High, 25 from St. Joseph School, 9 from Symonds, 6 from Four Corners, 11 from Roosevelt and 64 by Superintendent's certificates from other accredited schools.

Our tuition pupils number 141, Swanzey, as usual, heads the list with 40, Fitzwilliam 18, Westmoreland 18, Surry 12, Troy 10, Sullivan 6, Chesham 5, Marlow 5, Dublin 4, Alstead 3, Gilsum 3, Munsonville 2, Greenfield 1, Spofford 2, Harrisville 1, Brookline 1, Richmond 2, Acworth 2, Tamworth 2, Londonderry, Vt. 1, Nelson 1, Pelham 1, Chesterfield 1.

This tuition list is 22 larger than last year.

The per cent of attendance for the year was 96.78; for the state 95.5. The number of tardinesses per pupil was .68 of one per cent; for the state .90. Number of pupils per teacher, 30; for the state, 18.1.

From a graduating class of 81, thirty three and one third

per cent entered college or some other institution of learning. Their record in college was excellent. Only one city school in the state had a higher record for the year.

The following list includes, as far as known, all pupils, graduates of the Keene High School, who entered any institution of learning in Sept. 1925.

Robert C. Adams, University of New Hampshire.
Dorothy W. Ballou, University of New Hampshire.
Marjorie Britton, University of New Hampshire.
Iva L. Handy, University of New Hampshire.
Ruth E. Pitcher, University of New Hampshire.
Herbert B. Reed, University of New Hampshire.
Paul D. Zottu, University of New Hampshire.
Leonard S. Dewyea, University of New Hampshire.
Clarence Fay, University of New Hampshire.
Eleanor Harris, University of New Hampshire.
Everett Moore, University of New Hampshire.
Paul Scripture, University of New Hampshire.
Leo H. Bonnette, Keene Normal.
Geraldine F. Collins, Keene Normal.
Mary R. Dubois, Keene Normal.
Barbara W. Frizzell, Keene Normal.
Mary A. Hall, Keene Normal.
Ruth E. Hutchinson, Keene Normal.
Wilhelmina I. Morse, Keene Normal.
Grace E. Paulson, Keene Normal.
Lucille E. Seaver, Keene Normal.
Geraldine J. Wallace, Keene Normal.
Vivian D. Williams, Keene Normal.
John E. Wright, Keene Normal.
Marion Cutler, Keene Normal.
Doris Dana, Keene Normal.
Margery Emery, Keene Normal.
Leroy Mainè, Keene Normal.
Helen Woodward, Keene Normal.

Gertrude E. Barry, Dean Academy.
Emeline J. Colony, Choate School.
Ruby A. Haskell, Brown.
Laina Lake, Wellesley Prep.
Carleton E. Nims, Worcester Tech.
Ralph O. Nims, Worcester Academy.
Richard R. Palmer, Culver Military.
J. Chapin Tracy, Manhattan College.
Frederick K. Watson, Holderness.
Ralph E. Wheelock, Exeter.
Eleanor N. Beverstock, Post Graduate, Keene.
Marion E. Ballou, Post Graduate, Keene.
Lawrence Ballou, Post Graduate, Keene.
Helen Lane, Post Graduate, Keene.
Wilhelmina Farrar, Bay Path Institute.
Helen A. Hathorn, Bay Path Institute.
Della A. Robbins, Elliot Hospital.
Verna E. Dutton, Elliot Hospital.

There are several notable events connected with the school year 1925-26.

First in importance was the completion, dedication and use of the splendid addition to the high school building which was made possible by the generosity of the city and the wise and careful foresight of those to whom its building and equipment were entrusted.

The building was dedicated Thursday evening, May 28, at eight o'clock and used for the first time, Monday, Sept. 8.

The new rooms provided an office for the superintendent of schools, relieved the congestion in many of the classes, allowed the Mechanic Arts pupils to come out of the basement into a generous suite of rooms nearer the shop on the first floor; helped to expand the Commercial and Science departments and permitted the Museum to be rearranged so that its real beauty and usefulness could be appreciated. It also restored the rest room, which for some time had been used as a class room, to its

intended use. It incidentally made possible the expanding of some of the courses and the securing and installing in appropriate rooms, of three new teachers. Our faculty, exclusive of Headmaster, Athletic Director, Instructor of Music and Secretary now numbers twenty one full time instructors.

It was also possible and necessary to expand and remodel the curricula so as to bring them into conformity with the requirements of the present time. The school now offers six distinct curricula, namely Classical, Scientific, Commercial, Mechanic Arts, Domestic Arts, and General. Each covers four years, is an approved course and offers about one half prescribed subjects and the other half elective.

While modern languages and mathematics are no longer prescribed in every curriculum, no material difference was noticed in the election of studies this year from that of other years.

All courses have been departmentalized this year and the head of each department confers formally with his teacher every four weeks, while visits and inspections of work are more frequent. It is to be regretted that space does not permit a detailed account of the faithful and satisfactory work being done in the different departments. It is my opinion that there was never a time when better work was being done by pupils and teachers than at the present. The morale of the school is high, its discipline good and the scholarship satisfactory.

Special mention however, should be made of our new gymnasium and the project of physical education it makes possible. While physical education for every student may be impossible, still it is being honestly and hopefully planned for. What has already been accomplished can best be told in the following brief report of our athletic director, Harold E. Drew.

“With the opening of the splendid new gymnasium at the high school, physical education activities have been greatly increased. This department now takes charge of athletic teams, gymnasium classes for the boys and girls of the freshman and sophomore classes, corrective exercise or medical gymnastics

for remedial cases, and gives first aid attention whenever required.

We are stressing healthful exercises and development through the medium of mass play, games and athletics. The slogan of the department is participation, and the program includes varsity athletic teams, boys and girls, inter-class teams, divisional teams, and gymnasium class groups.

Sixty boys participated in either baseball or track last spring, and a large number of girls engaged in baseball, tennis and track work. During the fall, the girls kept the tennis courts at the Alumni field busy every afternoon. Sixty boys participated in football.

There are engaged in one form or other of competitive play, at present, eighty-five boys and sixty-six girls, a total of one hundred and fifty-one taking a minimum of three hours of exercise a week.

The gymnasium classes take care of two hundred and sixteen more, engaged in calisthenics, unorganized and organized games.

Three hundred and sixty-seven students out of five hundred and fifty in the school are now actively engaged in some form of exercise and play under the supervision of the department of physical education.

The athletic teams of the school have been moderately successful the past year. The baseball team won eight and lost seven games, three of them in thirteen innings. Both boys and girls track squads made good showings, winning their dual meets and scoring well in their respective major meets at Brattleboro and Gardner.

The football team of last fall won five, tied two, and lost two; playing the hardest schedule in the school's history, including the New England Champions, Manchester, who won 13-0.

This winter, to date the boys basketball team has won eleven out of fourteen starts, and is expected to make the New Hampshire State tournament. The girls have won eight out of

nine games, and have been invited to again participate in the New England Tournament, in which they took second place last year.

The school teams to date this year have won eighty per cent of their games in all sports, as against sixty-two per cent for last year. Prospects are fairly good for the remainder of this year, and for next year's squads.

The department needs an increase in personnel in order to take further steps ahead. There is need for a capable woman instructor in the department.

It is expected that further equipment which the department needs in order to widen and extend the scope of its activities will soon be forthcoming. This includes material, such as volley balls and nets, medicine balls, indoor baseballs, and a few pieces of gymnasium apparatus; ropes, ladders, vaulting horses, mats, all of which are valuable for gymnasium work and essential to carry out the department's plans for corrective and postural work.

The Department of Music has prospered this year. The Orchestra is now at its best and ranks well with any school orchestra. A boy's band is a possibility for the near future. The singing by the school again won favorable comment at the May Festival where an excellent program was carried out.

Debating this year was carried on as a school and class affair so that more might participate in the contests. A debate with Brattleboro is planned for the last event.

A series of socialized assemblies has been given during the year as follows:

1. A Number Play, Mathematic's Department .
2. Shakespeare Program, English 3 and 4.
3. Historical Pageant, History Department.
4. Roman Pageant, Latin Department.
5. The Electrification of Railroads (Illustrated), Physics Department.
6. Demonstration of Pattern Making, M. A. Department.
7. Textiles (Illustrated), D. A. Department.

8. Chemical Magic, Chemistry Department.
9. Scenes from As You Like It, English I and II.
10. A la francais, Modern Language Department.
11. Typewriting Contest, Commercial Department.

The Enterprise and Year Book each had a successful year and more than paid their way, both financially and in adding to the interests and morale of the school.

In closing I wish to state that whatever has been accomplished this year is due to the combined efforts of the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Schools, the teachers and the public, to all of whom I feel greatly indebted.

WILLIS O. SMITH,

Headmaster.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES OF CLASS OF 1925

CLASSICAL COURSE

Elliot Eli Alger	Ruth Elizabeth Hutchinson
Gertrude Blanche Barry	Helen Wilder Lane
Geraldine Thayer Collins	Thomas James Lynch
Emeline Joslin Colony	John Chapin Tracy
Barbara Winnie Frizzell	Ralph Douglass Wheelock
Iva Louise Handy	

COMMERCIAL COURSE

Ralph Osgood Nims	Julia Catherine Sullivan
Catherine Mary Odette	Claudia Irene Sykes
Marion Elizabeth Parker	Geraldine Julia Wallace
Grace Evelyn Paulson	Vivian Doris Williams
Helen Frances Priest	Winifred Frances Witham
Alice Isabel Rogers	Helen Marguerite White
Lucille Eliza Seaver	Christine Newton Wright
Catherine Viola Soucise	Florence Evelyn Wright
Irene Bernice Sweet	Grace Edith Wyman

Ruth Rosalind Bisbee	Grace Mary Fiske
Hazel Emerald Borst	Waldo Giovannangeli
Margaret Brigham	Ruby Almyra Haskell
Catherine Ellen David	Sylvia Katherine Howe
Florence Ella Dewyea	Mary Adelaide Howard
Evelyn Florence Domina	Florence Louise Kingsbury
Mary Rose Dubois	Irene Augustine Larmay
Wilhelmina Fuller Farrar	Lawrence Elwin Messer
Evelyn Annie Foley	Ruth Margaret Mugford

MECHANICS ARTS COURSE

Robert Cuthbert Adams	Harold William Scott
Lawrence Frank Ballou	William Higgins Shea
Frederick Randall Holbrook	Chase Sanborn Shaw
Carleton Ermon Nims	Paul Jewett Wyman

DOMESTIC ARTS COURSE

Margaret Sophia Durand	Helen Ann Hathorn
Verna Ellen Dutton	Laina Maria Estrillia Lake
Dorothy Wallace Ballou	Hazel Pearl Paine
Mary Alida Hall	

GENERAL COURSE

Marion Evans Ballou	Herbert Briggs Reed
Eleanor Nina Beverstock	Della Abbie Robbins
Lee Albert Bonnette	Lillian Elizabeth Saari
Marjorie Lind Britton	Robert L. Taylor
Kenneth Poole Colby	Frederick Kingsbury Watson
Margaret Ann Donovan	John Hale Woodbury
Charles Amos Julin	Manning Dodge Woodbury
Wilhelmina Isabella Morse	Dorice Edna Wright
Richard Kneeland Palmer	John Edward Wright
Ruth Emery Pitcher	Paul Demostenes Zottu

REPORT OF THE EVENING SCHOOL

The Keene Public Evening School opened October 13, 1925 with two teachers in charge. It soon became apparent that a third teacher would be required for those who had already attended evening school one year. For this reason Mrs. Barbara H. Doucoumes was secured and the grades apportioned thus:

Grade I, 19 pupils, Mrs. Willis O. Smith.

Grade II, 5 pupils, Mrs. Barbara H. Doucoumes.

Grade III, 18 pupils, Mr. Frank Robinson.

Total, 42 pupils.

As our Evening School is conducted only for our foreign population, particular emphasis is laid, in the upper classes, on preparation for citizenship. In these classes advanced English is taught, grammatical construction, elementary history and civics. In Class I the English language is taught to beginners. Some time each week is spent also in singing patriotic and other songs in English. The attendance has been more regular this winter than in previous years, and the spirit remarkably good.

The following countries were represented in our school this year:

Canada 18 pupils.

Greece 2 pupils.

Germany 13 pupils.

Finland 1 pupil.

Russia 5 pupils.

Italy 1 pupil.

Armenia 1 pupil.

Turkey 1 pupil.

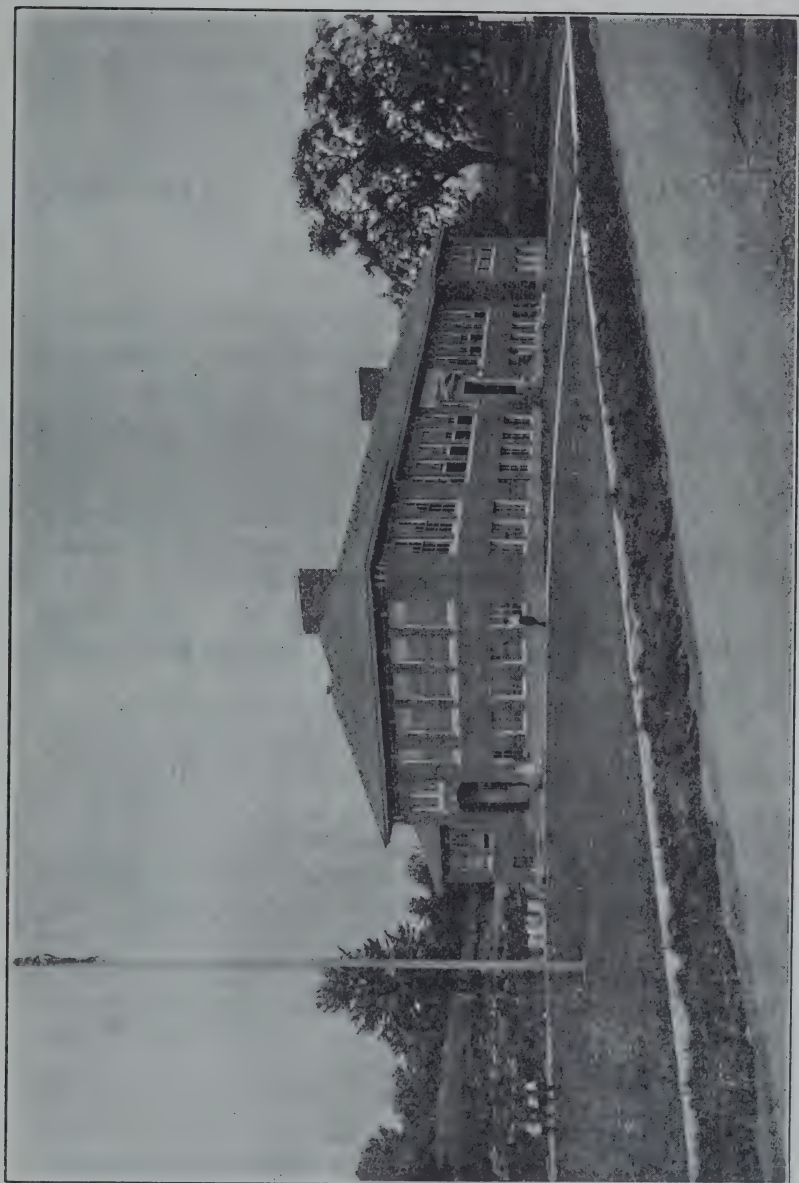
On Lincoln's Birthday, February 12, a Lincoln's Birthday Party was given to the members of the school with a program

of songs and recitations by the pupils, followed by games and refreshments, much enjoyed by all.

MRS WILLIS O. SMITH, Grade I

MRS. BARBARA H. DOUCOUMES, Grade II

MR. FRANK ROBINSON, Grade III



ROOSEVELT SCHOOL AND PART OF PLAYGROUND

MEDICAL INSPECTION FROM SEPTEMBER, 1925 TO MARCH, 1926

The Medical Inspection of all schools went on with very few interruptions. There has been no epidemic of any kind and an unusually small number of contagious diseases.

Every child present during medical inspection was given a thorough physical examination and reports of all defects found were sent parents and guardians.

Many defects have been corrected through the close follow up of all urgent cases by the school nurse, and hearty co-operation of the Hospital, Doctors and District Nurse.

Through the kindness of the Rotary Club in maintaining an Orthopedic Clinic, a great many children have been greatly benefited.

Through the generosity of the Red Cross some tonsil and adenoid defects have been corrected, but there are still a great many who cannot afford this correction with its attendant expense. The establishment of a Tonsil and Adenoid Clinic would greatly aid us in accomplishing these results.

The children 7% or more underweight have had notice of this condition sent to their parents, advising a general examination by their family physician. The major portion of these underweights have poor posture due to their not being up to normal weight. This defect can be corrected in a large measure when we have monthly weighing and measuring in our schools, thus inciting the competitive spirit which always exists in children. Two of our schools, Tilden and Symonds, are ready to start this program through the efforts of the Parent Teachers Association, who have purchased scales for their respective schools.

The following are the defects found in the last examination:

Number of children examined,	2183
Excused at parents request,	0
*Vision,	300
Hearing,	12
Cardiac,	28
Pulmonary,	9
Speech,	3
Skin,	84
Posture,	172
Orthopedic,	53
Tonsils,	325
Adenoids,	?
Defective Breathing,	40
Cenrical Glands,	85
Thyroid,	49
Teeth,	602
Legally excused from vaccination,	112
Unvaccinated without legal excuse,	37
Underweight,	239
Pediculosis,	50

***Incomplete.**

Health is taught in all the schools, being correlated with other subjects and great stress is laid on forming good health habits which will become automatic in the future.

We wish to thank all the teachers for their hearty co-operation and interest in this very vital work.

We also extend thanks to the Elliot Community Hospital, Red Cross, Rotary Club, Medical Profession, Mrs. Paige, Miss Gage, Mrs. Powers, Miss Richardson and Mr. Nims, for their help and interest.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. PRATTE, M. D.,

School Physician.

ELIZABETH DAVEY, R. N.,

School Nurse

REPORT OF SCHOOL DENTIST

The work of the Dental Clinic has been carried on as in former years at the Central Junior High School. There have been two clinics each week, every Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon this year, instead of one as in previous year.

The care of the teeth is very essential as it materially effects the health of the child. Care of the teeth should become a habit early in life and a great deal of credit is due the grade teachers for their hearty co-operation in the work. The following is a bit of work accomplished since Sept., 1925.

Teeth cleaned and examined,	105
Teeth filled,	117
Teeth treated,	20
Extractions of Temporary Teeth, with novocaine,	19

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH J. PARKER,

School Dentist.

REPORT OF THE ATTENDANCE OFFICER

TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

For the Year 1925-1926

Illegally employed,	6
Illegally kept out of school,	28
Truants and those found on the streets,	44
Kept home by illness,	87
Lack of proper clothing,	24
Sickness in family,	18
Left Keene,	6
Completed eight grades or over 16,	3
Moved to Keene and not attending,	4
Other causes,	5
Prosecutions,	1
Total,	226

DON J. WILLIAMS,

Attendance Officer.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS OF SCHOOL POPULATION AND SCHOOL MONEY

Years	No. of schools.*	No. of teachers.	ANNUAL ENUMERATION. (Children of school age.)			School membership: (total number of different pupils.)	Average attendance.	Per cent membership of enumeration.	Per cent attendance of membership.	Total amount school money raised. †	Average amount per pupil of school membership.
			Boys	Girls	Total						
1877-78	20	23	543	511	1,054	1,107	883	105.0	79.8	\$12,025.18	\$10.86
1878-79	20	23	492	463	955	1,115	882	116.6	79.1	10,510.32	9.43
1879-80	22	25	494	513	1,007	1,205	945	119.6	78.4	12,242.93	10.16
1880-81	22	26	520	513	1,033	1,196	876	115.8	73.3	13,040.59	10.90
1881-82	22	26	602	585	1,187	1,204	916	101.4	76.1	12,997.09	10.80
1882-83	22	26	491	570	1,061	1,172	914	110.1	78.0	13,912.05	11.09
1883-84	22	26	506	503	1,009	1,174	925	116.4	79.0	12,121.39	10.33
1884-85	22	26	507	502	1,009	1,183	958	117.2	81.0	15,112.35	12.81
1885-86	22	26	528	476	1,004	1,161	912	115.6	78.6	14,147.92	12.19
1886-87	18	23	529	466	995	872	692	87.7	79.4	12,036.06	13.80
1887-88	19	23	555	515	1,070	891	709	83.2	79.5	15,609.83	17.52
1888-89	20	25	599	489	1,088	964	748	88.6	77.6	16,802.88	17.43
1889-90	20	25	559	469	1,028	969	724	94.2	74.7	16,941.81	17.48
1890-91	20	26	538	408	1,006	1,015	778	100.9	76.7	16,951.71	16.70
1891-92	20	26	518	504	1,022	1,021	772	100.0	75.6	17,825.76	17.46
1892-93	19	25	559	476	1,035	1,055	811	101.9	77.8	16,834.10	15.96
1893-94	20	24	527	485	1,012	1,155	904	114.1	78.4	16,592.00	14.37
1894-95	22	26	610	503	1,013	1,162	921	104.4	79.3	15,362.26	13.22
1895-96	23	29	548	523	1,071	1,195	948	111.5	79.3	18,739.15	15.68
1896-97	23	30	617	540	1,157	1,221	1,001	105.5	82.0	19,185.49	15.53
1897-98	24	32	642	666	1,308	1,385	1,002	105.8	79.6	18,105.75	13.29
1898-99	24	35	537	586	1,123	1,402	1,103	124.8	78.7	22,580.81	16.10
1899-00	25	38	678	717	1,395	1,408	1,164	100.9	82.7	21,203.21	15.06
1900-01	25	39	673	751	1,424	1,464	1,053	102.8	71.9	20,633.02	14.09
1901-02	25	40	730	796	1,526	1,476	1,198	96.7	81.2	24,557.08	16.63
1902-03	25	41	751	783	1,534	1,494	1,197	97.4	80.1	24,197.72	16.20
1903-04	36	53	809	840	1,649	1,768	1,367	107.2	77.3	25,992.00	14.70
1904-05	38	55	889	890	1,779	1,656	1,324	93.1	79.9	25,960.00	15.67
1905-06	38	56	915	927	1,842	1,632	1,327	89.0	81.3	29,292.50	17.95
1906-07	38	57	913	934	1,847	1,645	1,316	88.9	80.0	30,992.50	18.84
1907-08	38	56	859	979	1,838	1,632	1,340	88.9	82.1	33,851.50	20.74
1908-09	39	56	845	1027	1,872	1,666	1,395	89.0	83.8	33,877.50	20.24
1909-10	39	56	888	974	1,862	1,674	1,342	89.3	80.0	32,672.50	19.52
1910-11	39	56	882	1003	1,885	1,672	1,429	88.7	86.0	34,642.50	20.72
1911-12	38	56	875	1044	1,919	1,678	1,437	88.0	85.0	37,367.50	22.27
1912-13	38	56	900	1063	1,963	1,740	1,463	88.6	84.1	41,307.50	23.74
1913-14	40	60	906	1063	1,969	1,742	1,481	88.4	84.9	49,722.50	28.54
1914-15	40	54	1037	985	2,022	1,822	1,558	90.0	85.5	53,523.81	29.37
1915-16	41	57	1010	976	1,986	1,969	1,536	90.1	78.0	54,037.10	27.44
1916-17	42	64	1020	1025	2,045	1,930	1,526	94.3	84.0	56,822.50	29.44
1917-18	42	59	1010	1050	2,060	1,933	1,551	93.8	80.2	82,484.23	42.67
1918-19	42	57	1063	1111	2,174	2,085	1,493.7	95.4	71.1	91,583.58	43.74
1919-20	42	60	1148	1186	2,334	2,209	1,700.63	94.6	76.9	118,253.25	53.53
1920-21	43	71	1167	1223	2,390	2,120	1,801	88.0	85.0	133,582.76	63.01
1921-22	46	75	1171	1244	2,415	2,134	1,942	88.0	91.0	146,932.09	68.85
1922-23	50	81	1218	1276	2,494	2,176	2,043	87.2	93.9	140,380.00	64.51
1923-24	42	65	1194	1108	2,302	2,071	1,905.3	89.9	92.0	140,505.00	67.84
1924-25	42	61	1094	1124	2,218	2,287	2,171	103.0	94.9	151,055.00	66.05

* Below High school grade.

† Not including amounts raised for evening schools nor for new buildings or sites.

REPORT OF FIRST SEMESTER, 1925-1926

Central Junior High School:

Number of pupils in Commercial Course,	185
Number of pupils in French Course,	63

Enrollment by ages:

Number under 14 years of age,	178
Number between 14 and 16 years of age,	65
Number over 16 years of age,	5
Average membership,	244.4
Average attendance,	234.9
Per cent of attendance,	96.6

Franklin Junior High School:

Number in Commercial Course,	63
Number of pupils in French Course,	0

Enrollment by ages:

Number under 14 years of age,	51
Number between 14 and 16 years of age,	12
Number over 16 years of age,	0
Average membership,	59.67
Average attendance,	56.85
Per cent of attendance,	95.27

Symonds Junior High School:

Number of pupils in Commercial Course,	25
Number pupils in French Course,	0

Enrollment by ages:

Number under 14 years of age,	19
Number between 14 and 16 years of age,	6
Number over 16 years of age,	0
Average membership,	23.75
Average attendance,	22.55
Per cent of attendance,	99.11

ENROLLMENT OF ELEMENTARY, JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOLS

	Boys	Girls	Total
High School:			
I Year,	85	114	199
II Year,	90	80	170
III Year,	60	66	126
IV Year,	39	64	103
Post Graduates,	1	4	5
	275	328	603
Central Junior High:			
7th Grade,	71	54	125
8th Grade,	58	65	123
	129	119	248
Franklin Junior High:			
7th Grade,	16	21	37
8th Grade,	12	14	26
	28	35	63
5th Grade,	15	19	34
6th Grade,	18	19	37
	33	38	71

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	Boys	Girls	Total
Symonds Junior High:			
7th Grade,	6	8	14
8th Grade,	6	5	11
	12	13	25
1st Grade,	15	9	24
2nd Grade,	15	14	29
3rd Grade,	9	7	16
4th Grade,	16	5	21
5th Grade,	11	11	22
6th Grade,	10	9	19
	76	55	131
Washington:			
1st Grade,	19	11	30
2nd Grade,	20	16	36
3rd Grade,	18	15	33
4th Grade,	14	17	31
	71	59	130
Tilden:			
1st Grade,	18	13	31
2nd Grade,	15	8	23
3rd Grade,	13	10	23
4th Grade,	13	10	23
5th Grade,	7	18	25
6th Grade,	10	8	18
	76	67	143
Cleveland:			
1st Grade,	6	9	15

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	Boys	Girls	Total
2nd Grade,	5	7	12
3rd Grade,	4	3	7
4th Grade,	3	5	8
5th Grade,	3	5	8
	21	29	50
Lincoln:			
1st Grade,	15	12	27
2nd Grade,	17	23	40
3rd Grade,	12	13	25
4th Grade,	9	8	17
5th Grade,	18	15	33
6th Grade,	10	10	20
	81	71	162
Roosevelt:			
Kindergarten,	6	7	13
1st Grade,	17	20	37
2nd Grade,	13	19	32
3rd Grade,	17	16	33
4th Grade,	9	8	17
5th Grade,	13	18	31
6th Grade,	11	18	29
	86	106	192
Fuller:			
1st Grade,	10	5	15
2nd Grade,	9	4	13
3rd Grade,	7	9	16
4th Grade,	8	2	10
	34	20	54

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	Boys	Girls	Total
South Keene:			
1st Grade,	3	4	7
2nd Grade,	4	1	5
3rd Grade,	4	1	5
4th Grade,	2	1	3
5th Grade,	4	2	6
6th Grade,	2	4	6
	19	13	32
Wheelock:			
Kindergarten,	12	20	32
1st Grade,	20	20	40
2nd Grade,	13	20	33
3rd Grade,	16	19	35
4th Grade,	14	13	27
5th Grade,	17	17	34
6th Grade,	22	22	44
	114	131	245
Four Corners:			
1st Grade,		1	1
2nd Grade,		2	2
3rd Grade,		1	1
4th Grade,	1	0	1
5th Grade,	2	2	4
6th Grade,	3	2	5
7th Grade,	1	1	2
8th Grade,	4	1	5
	11	10	21

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Total enrollment in the Elementary Schools,	1,231
Total enrollment in the Junior High Schools,	336
Total enrollment in the Senior High School,	603
	2,170

SUMMARY OF GRADES

Kg.	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VII	IX	X	XI	XII	P.G.	T.
Boys:														
18	123	111	100	89	90	86	94	80	85	90	60	39	1	1066
Girls:														
27	104	114	94	69	107	92	84	85	114	80	66	64	4	1104
Total:														
45	227	225	194	158	197	178	178	165	199	170	126	103	5	2170

KEENE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE

(First Semester 1925-1926)

High School:

Total enrollment, 1925-1926,	603
Average membership,	565
Average daily attendance,	544
Average per cent of attendance,	96

Junior High Schools:

Total enrollment, 1925-1926,	336
Average membership,	327
Average daily attendance,	314
Average per cent of attendance,	96

Elementary Schools:

Total enrollment, 1925-1926,	1,231
Average membership,	1,109
Average daily attendance,	1,038
Average per cent of attendance,	93

SUMMARY OF JUNE REPORTS FOR FIVE YEARS

	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
Whole number registered,	2,120	2,138	2,090	2,012	2,204
Boys,	1,029	1,035	1,016	987	1,082
Girls,	1,091	1,103	1,074	1,025	1,122
*Number under 5 years of age,	43	25	8	44	26
*Number between 5-8 years,	490	472	448	329	402
*Number between 8-14 years,	1,033	1,040	1,044	1,020	1,168
*Number between 14-16 years,	313	329	376	354	413
*Number over 16 years,	186	207	214	265	195
Average attendance,	1,809.23	1,756.2	1,735	1,430.64	1,847.91
Average absence,	137.12	134.3	111	118.36	98.56
Average membership,	1,946.15	1,890.5	1,847	1,549	1,946.47
Per cent attendance,	88.44	91.03	93.9	92	94.93
**Pupils not absent nor tardy,	105	97	83	34	110
Tardiness,	2,499	2,540	1,630	1,445	1,616

*Attended two weeks—represents a net registration.

**1924—Low on account of epidemic of measles.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER, 1924-1925

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand March 10, 1925,	\$14,420.14	
City Treasurer,	202,107.50	
Dog license fees,	1,549.31	
High School tuition,	9,168.50	
Rent of Greenlawn Street House,	420.00	
Balance High School Addition Account,	3.89	
		\$227,669.34

EXPENDITURES

	Total Expenditures	General Expenses	High School	Elementary Schools
Administration:				
Salaries of district officers,	\$1,250.00			
Superintendent's excess salary,	1,900.00			
Truant officers and school census,	592.20			
Expenses of administration,	1,990.03	\$5,732.23		
Instruction:				
Principals' and teachers' salaries,	75,996.43		\$37,329.96	\$38,666.47
Text books,	2,603.06		1,825.48	777.58
Scholars' supplies,	4,045.43		2,326.08	1,719.35
Flags and appurtenances,	25.80		15.00	10.80
Other expenses of instruction,	284.09		253.62	30.47

Operation and Maintenance of School Plant:

	Total Expenditures	General Expenses	High School	Elementary Schools
Janitor service,	8,188.63		2,562.20	5,626.43
Fuel,	6,873.19		2,260.70	4,612.49
Water, light, janitors' supplies,	2,144.66		1,006.07	1,138.59
Minor repairs and expenses,	9,095.62		3,970.64	5,124.98

Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities:

Medical inspection health supervision,	1,910.81		350.00	1,560.81
Transportation of pupils,	3,971.25			3,971.25
Elementary school tuition,	31,755.95			31,755.95
Other special activities,	114.67		107.97	6.70

Fixed Charges:

Insurance,	1,159.73	\$1,159.73		
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Outlay for Construction and Equipment:

Lands and new buildings,	8,561.17			
Alterations of old buildings,	184.83			
New equipment,	10,913.26	\$19,659.26		

Debt, Interest and Other Charges:

High School building bonds,	10,000.00			
High School addition bonds,	10,000.00			

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	Total Expenditures	General Expenses	High School	Elementary Schools
Roosevelt building bonds,	5,000.00	\$25,000.00		
Payment of Interest on Debt:				
High School building bonds,	875.00			
High School addition bonds,	4,037.50			
Roosevelt building bonds,	1,625.00			
Lincoln building addition bonds,	425.00			
Coolidge lot bonds,	682.50	\$7,645.00		
Tax for State Wide Supervision:	3,870.00	3,870.00		
Evening School:	429.21	429.21		
Greenlawn Street House:	243.68	243.68		
Academy House:	2,367.86	2,367.86		
			\$52,007.72	\$95,001.87
Total payment for all purposes,	\$213,116.56	\$66,106.97		
Cash on hand March 10, 1926,	14,552.78			
	\$227,669.34			

KEENE HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION BUILDING ACCOUNT

March 10, 1925 to March 10, 1926

RECEIPTS

Balance March 10, 1925,	\$22,486.61
Interest on daily balances,	128.06

\$22,614.67

EXPENDITURES

Hoyt Construction Co.,	\$3,891.79
C. P. Hoyt, architect,	669.14
A. W. Pressler,	50.00
Herman C. Rice,	1,579.25
Nims Plumbing Co.,	4,280.99
Knowlton & Stone Co.,	3,600.00
A. L. Smith Iron Works,	2,077.68
Ely Lumber Co.,	3,000.00
T. J. Keating,	950.00
Henry Wees Mfg. Co.,	755.69
Lynn Stone Co.,	249.00
Robinson-Brett Lumber Co.,	109.00
A. E. Fish & Co.,	108.00
Edwin G. Allen,	75.00
Columbia Cornice Co.,	432.75
M. J. Harty,	83.62
J. L. Hammett Co.,	482.46
Beaver Mills,	49.36
Keene Woodenware Co.,	69.51

Ralph West,	21.60	
Frank Domigue,	21.60	
Balance transferred to general account,	3.89	
Waldo Bros. & Bond Co.,	54.34	
		\$22,614.67

LINCOLN SCHOOL ADDITION BUILDING ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

From sale of bonds,	\$20,006.00	
Accrued interest,	122.78	
		\$20,128.78

EXPENDITURES

F. E. Cutler,	\$14,680.24	
C. P. Hoyt, architect,	1,223.38	
Merchants National Bank,	141.00	
Pearson Bros.,	2,892.50	
Keene Woodenware Co.,	224.72	
Robinson-Brett Lumber Co.,	576.49	
Knowlton & Stone Co.,	200.00	
A. W. Pressler,	190.45	
		\$20,128.78

The foregoing account of the Treasurer of the Union School District, covering the receipts and disbursements for the year ending March 10, 1926, has been examined by me and is found to be correctly cast and vouched.

GEORGE H. SHERWIN,

Auditor.

PROPERTY BELONGING TO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

The area of lots and valuation of lands and school houses in the City of Keene, belonging to Union School District, is as follows:

	Area of Lot Square Feet	Valuation Land	Buildings
High school,	73,500	\$19,500.00	\$250,000.00
Junior High school,	28,400	6,100.00	60,000.00
Tilden school,	19,850	625.00	20,000.00
Fuller school,	14,850	300.00	4,000.00
North Washington school,	22,675	470.00	3,000.00
Roosevelt school,	64,500	3,000.00	50,000.00
Washington school,	61,235	7,275.00	20,000.00
Franklin school,			20,000.00
Lincoln school,	32,080	900.00	40,000.00
Wheelock school,	59,020	1,500.00	40,000.00
Cleveland school,	2,100	525.00	5,000.00
Suburban school buildings,			15,300.00
	378,210	\$40,195.00	\$527,300.00

Total area, 378,210 square feet or 8.7 acres.

Total valuation:

Lands,	\$40,195.00
Buildings,	527,300.00

Total valuation,	\$567,495.00
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BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, LOAN OF 1912

Due	Rate of Interest	Amount Due
1926 May 1	3½ per cent	\$10,000.00
1927 “	“	10,000.00
		\$20,000.00

ROOSEVELT SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, LOAN OF 1921

Due	Rate of Interest	Amount Due
1926 August 1	5 per cent	\$5,000.00
1927 “	“	5,000.00
1928 “	“	5,000.00
1929 “	“	5,000.00
1930 “	“	5,000.00
1931 “	“	5,000.00
		\$30,000.00

HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION BUILDING BONDS, LOAN OF 1924

Due	Rate of Interest	Amount Due
1926 August 1	4¼ per cent	\$10,000.00
1927 “	“	10,000.00
1928 “	“	10,000.00
1929 “	“	10,000.00
1930 “	“	10,000.00
1931 “	“	10,000.00

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Due	Rate of Interest	Amount Due
1932 August 1	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent	10,000.00
1933 " "	"	10,000.00
1934 " "	"	10,000.00
		\$90,000.00

LINCOLN SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, LOAN OF 1925

Due	Rate of Interest	Amount Due
1926 June 1	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent	\$5,000.00
1927 " "	"	5,000.00
1928 " "	"	5,000.00
1929 " "	"	5,000.00
		\$20,000.00

Total bonded indebtedness of Union School District,	
	\$160,000.00

COOLIDGE LOT NOTE, \$19,500.00

In favor of City of Keene, dated October 2, 1911, due October 1, 1961, interest at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, payable April 1st and October 1st.

REQUIRED ANNUAL REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION TO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

I. BUDGET. (School Money):

Amount of money needed for support of schools and for statutory requirements (See Laws).

Administration:

	Total Estimates	High School	Elementary Schools
Salaries of board of education,	\$240.00		
Salaries of other district officers,	1,010.00		
Superintendent's excess salary,	1,900.00		
Expenses of administration,	1,500.00		
Truant officer and school census,	800.00		
		\$5,450.00	

Instruction:

Principals', supervisors, and teachers' salaries,	\$79,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$39,000.00
Text books and scholars' supplies,	7,000.00	4,000.00	3,000.00
Flags and appurtenances,	25.00		25.00
Other expenses of instruction,	300.00	200.00	100.00
Evening school,	500.00		500.00
		\$86,825.00	

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Operation and Maintenance of School Plant:

Janitor service,	Total Estimates	High School	Elementary Schools
Fuel,	\$8,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,500.00
Water, Light and Janitors' Supplies,	7,500.00	2,500.00	5,000.00
Minor repairs of building,	2,000.00	900.00	1,100.00
	7,500.00	2,000.00	5,500.00

Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities:

Health supervision,	\$2,100.00	\$400.00	\$1,700.00
Transportation of pupils,	4,000.00		4,000.00
State Normal School,			
Elementary school tuition,	31,500.00		31,500.00
Other special activities,	100.00	100.00	
	\$37,700.00		

Fixed Charges:

Insurance,	\$1,000.00		
Rent, Academy Property,	680.00	\$680.00	
		\$53,780.00	\$96,925.00

Outlay for Construction and Equipment:

New equipment,	\$4,500.00
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Elementary
SchoolsHigh
School

	Total Estimates	
Debt Service:		
Payment, High School building notes,	\$10,000.00	
Payment, High School addition, building notes,	10,000.00	
Payment, Roosevelt building notes,	5,000.00	
Payment Lincoln School addition notes,	5,000.00	
Interest, High School Building notes,	525.00	
Interest, High School addition, building notes,	3,612.50	
Interest, Roosevelt building notes,	1,375.00	
Interest Lincoln School addition notes,	743.75	
Interest, Coolidge lot notes,	682.50	\$36,938.75
New Hampshire per capita tax,	\$4,270.00	\$4,270.00
Total of all requirements,		<u>\$202,863.75</u>

II. Requirements to meet Budget:

(a) For support of elementary schools,	\$96,425.00
(b) For support of high school,	53,780.00
(c) For support of evening school,	500.00
(d) For expenses of administration,	5,450.00
(e) For insurance,	1,000.00

\$157,155.00

III. Assessment Required:

1. For the support of Schools etc.:

(See I and II)

(a) Statutory requirements:

\$3.50 tax on equalized valuation of \$20,220,358,	\$70,771.26
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(b) Additional sum needed,	86,383.74
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\$157,155.00

2. Outlay for construction
and equipment:

New equipment,	\$4,500.00
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\$4,500.00

3. Statutory requirements:

(a) For the payment of per capita tax,	\$4,270.00
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(b) For the payment of debt:

High school building notes,	10,000.00
High school addition build- ing notes,	10,000.00
Roosevelt building notes,	5,000.00
Lincoln addition building notes,	5,000.00

(c) For the payment of interest:

High school building notes,	525.00
High school addition building notes,	3,612.50
Roosevelt building notes,	1,375.00
Lincoln school addition building notes,	743.75
Coolidge lot note,	682.50
	\$36,938.75
Total of all requirements,	\$202,863.75

(SCHOOL WARRANT)

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Cheshire, ss.

To the inhabitants of Union School District, in the City of Keene, qualified to vote in school district affairs:

You are hereby notified and warned to meet at High School Hall in said District, on Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six, at 8 o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following subjects.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator for the ensuing year.

ART. 2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To hear the report of the treasurer, and take any action thereon deemed necessary.

ART. 4. To elect one or more members of the board of education.

ART. 5. To elect a treasurer of the district and one or more auditors.

ART. 6. To see what sum of money, if any, the district will vote to raise and appropriate, in addition to the sum required by law, for the support of schools, for the repair and equipment of school houses; to pay the board of education; to pay the agent of the district; to pay the treasurer of the district; to pay the auditor of the district; to pay the truant officer; to pay insurance on school buildings; to pay for water ser-

vice; to pay for rent of the Dinsmore property; to pay all other statutory obligations of the district.

ART. 7. To see if the district will authorize the board of education to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the current year for current expenses and to be paid back from such taxes.

ART. 8. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal at Keene, this 8th day of March, 1926.

ROBERT T. KINGSBURY,
WILLIAM H. WATSON,
CARRIE E. WHITCOMB,
CHARLES C. STURTEVANT,
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JOHN D. PROCTOR,

Board of Education.

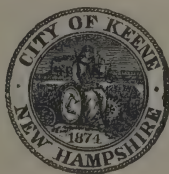
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HAROLD I. CHANDLER.....	Treasurer
GEORGE H. SHERWIN.....	Auditor

BOARD OF EDUCATION

	Term Expires
JOHN J. COLONY, 104 West St.....	1925
ADOLF W. PRESSLER, 24 Beaver St.....	1925
JOHN D. PROCTOR, 61 Winter St.....	1925
ROBERT T. KINGSBURY, 110 Court St.....	1926
WILLIAM H. WATSON, 92 Court St.....	1926
CARRIE E. WHITCOMB, 133 School St.....	1926
CHARLES C. STURTEVANT, 112 Washington St.....	1927
MRS. A. B. NIMS, 17 Federal St.....	1927
ROY M. PICKARD, 40 North Lincoln St.....	1927

Regular meetings of the Board are held at the High School Building on the second Monday of each month, except August, at 7.30 P. M.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

ROBERT T. KINGSBURY.....	President
CHARLES C. STURTEVANT.....	Secretary
WILLIAM H. WATSON.....	Agent

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STANDING COMMITTEES

High School—Messrs. Watson, Proctor, Colony, Sturtevant,
Miss Whitecomb.

Elementary Schools—Messrs. Pickard, Watson, Miss Whitecomb.

Elementary School Buildings—Messrs. Pressler, Colony, Kings-
bury.

Academy Property—Messrs. Kingsbury, Pressler, Mrs. Nims.

Finance—Messrs. Sturtevant, Colony, Pickard.

Health—Messrs. Proctor, Watson, Mrs. Nims.

Evening School—Messrs. Sturtevant, Pickard, Miss Whitecomb.

Under the contract with the State of New Hampshire, the
Wheelock, Junior High and the Four Corners Schools, are now
under the management of the State.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO THE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

To the Citizens of Union School District:

The fifty-ninth annual report of the Board of Education is presented herewith, together with the report of the Treasurer. Included are the reports of the Superintendent of Schools, Headmaster of the High School, Health Department, and Attendance Officer.

During the year the Fuller School building has been repaired and renovated. This has added greatly to its appearance and health conditions are much improved. A tract of land, acquired by the Board of Education, has been added to the Tilden School playground and that school now has a playing field of sufficient size and quality.

The registration at the High School has reached 528. There has been, therefore, much congestion for the building was planned for the maximum capacity of 475. The new addition to the High School building, authorized by the District at its last annual meeting, is now nearly completed and will be in use in September, 1925. This addition will greatly relieve the present over-crowded conditions. The Board of Education has also purchased two tracts of land just back of and adjoining the High School lot. These purchases were made without authority from the District but were made because of the real necessity existing therefor. The annual meeting will be asked to ratify this action.

The section served by the Lincoln School is rapidly filling with new houses and new families and that building is much

over-crowded. With further construction of dwellings, even more pupils may be expected in that neighborhood. To take care of this situation, we have asked an architect to prepare plans for the addition of two rooms to the Lincoln School building. These plans will be presented at the annual meeting which will be asked to take action with reference to the proposed addition.

The board desires to express its appreciation of the splendid spirit of the superintendent, headmaster, and all the teaching force, as well as the auxiliary departments, and of the careful co-operation which has enabled us to maintain a high educational standard at no appreciable increase in expense.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT T. KINGSBURY,

President.

CENTRAL OFFICE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

KEENE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Suite 16, 12 West Street

UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Wm. C. T. Adams, Superintendent Schools, Union School District, 12 West Street, Telephone 1020.

Office hours: School Days, 8 to 9 A. M. and 4 to 5 P. M.,
Saturdays 9 to 12.

Stella A. Thomas, Secretary to the Superintendent, 12 West Street. Telephone 1020.

Office hours: School Days 8 to 12 and 1.30 to 4.40, Saturdays
8 to 12.

A. A. Pratte, School Physician, 10 Center St.

Mrs. Julia Croteau, School Nurse, Marlboro, N. H.

Ralph J. Parker, School Dentist, 48 Main St.

Don J. Williams, Truant Officer, Colony Block.

HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1924-1925

Fall Term. September 8—December 19.
 Vacation. December 20—January 4.
 Winter Term. January 5—March 27.
 Vacation. March 28—April 5.
 Spring Term. April 6—June 19.

GRADE SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 8—December 19	15 Weeks
January 5—February 20	7 Weeks
March 2—April 18	7 Weeks
April 27—June 19	8 Weeks

Three blasts on whistles of Imprevius Package Company, Keene Woodenware Co., C. L. Russell Chair Co., and Sprague & Carleton, as follows:

- 8.05—No forenoon session.
- 11.05—One session. Grades above the second will remain in school until 1 o'clock.
- 1.05—No afternoon session.

LIST OF TEACHERS

William C. T. Adams, Superintendent of Schools, A. M. (Harvard and Minnesota) M. S. (Upper Iowa University) Ph. D. (Taylor) LL. D. (Highland).

HIGH SCHOOL

NAME	WHERE EDUCATED	ASSIGNMENT
Willis O. Smith, A. B.	Dartmouth College	Headmaster
Charles R. Dresser	Salem Comm. College	Commercial Subjects
Elwin Damon	Bridgewater Normal School	Chemistry and Science
Harold F. Drew, A. B., A. M.	Middlebury College	Mathematics and Athletics
Robert E. Watkins, B. S.	University of N. H.	Mathematics
Charles G. Platt, B. S.	University of N. H.	Mathematics
Forrest J. Hall, A. B.	Dartmouth College	History and Manual Arts
Dorothy Ellms	Framingham Normal School	Domestic Arts
Leland E. Tufts	Lynn Training School	Manual Arts
Evelyn M. Bailey, A. B.	Bates College	French
Catherine Tuttle, A. B.	Colby College	English
Christine A. Northrup, A. B.	University of Maine	Latin
Dorothy Atwood Randall, A. B.	Smith College	English
Vera I. Call, A. B.	Smith College	English
Olivia Rogers, A. B., A. M.	Smith College	French and Spanish
Helen Stahl, A. B.	Wellesley College	English and History
Clara F. Leining, A. B.	Boston University	History and French
Ingeborg Laaby, B. S.	University of N. H.	History and French
Grace E. Sweeney	Keene High School	Commerce
Harry W. Davis	Amherst College	Music
Lily Smith, Secretary to Principal		

CENTRAL JUNIOR HIGH

NAME	WHERE EDUCATED	ASSIGNMENT
Edwin S. Huse	Wesleyan University	Principal, Civics
Carrie W. Hooper	Bridgewater Normal School	English
Agnes Mantor	Farmington Normal School	History
Frank H. Blackington, A. B.	Bates College	French
F. D. Mills	Castine Normal School	Science
Della Davis	Bridgewater Normal School	Mathematics
Amy Tenney	Keene Normal School	Physiology, Geography
Rosamond Ashley	Simmons College	Sewing
Clara M. Sisson	Simmons College	Sewing, Cooking
May Tracy Ireton	Middlebury College	Cooking
Shirley Pollard	University of N. H.	Manual Arts
Muriel Cox	Massachusetts Normal Art School	Drawing
Blanche Folks	Boston Conservatory	Music
Raymond J. Flynn	Harvard College	English, Physical Training

FRANKLIN JUNIOR HIGH

M. Alice Jones, Principal	Bridgewater Normal	Grade 6
Rachel Dushuttle	Fitchburg Normal School	Grade 8
Forrest Paige, A. B.	Brown University	Grade 7
Helen Brown	Keene Normal School	Grade 5

SYMONDS JUNIOR HIGH

Elizabeth A. M. Black, Principal	Frederickton Normal School	Grades 7-8
Ruby Hanley	Attended Keene Normal School	Grades 5-6
Alyce Stevens	Keene Normal School	Grades 3-4
Bessie Lane	Fitchburg Training School	Grades 1-2

WASHINGTON SCHOOL

Blanche Bacon, Principal	Keene Normal School	Grade 2
Katherine O'Leary	Keene Normal School	Grade 4
Alice Lord	Keene Normal School	Grade 3
Belle Stone	Attended Keene Normal School	Grade 1

NAME	TILDEN SCHOOL WHERE EDUCATED	ASSIGNMENT
Louise Aldrich, Principal	Keene Normal School	Grade 1
A. Katherine Platt	Attended Plymouth and Keene N. S.	Grades 5-6
Norah McHale	Plymouth Normal School	Grades 3-4
Hazel Rogers	Keene Normal School	Grade 2
Louise Boardman	Attended Johnson N., Syracuse U.	Assistant
Marion Nelson, Principal	FULLER SCHOOL	Grades 3-4
Dorothy Carroll	Keene Normal School	Grades 1-2-3
Beatrice Thayer, Principal	CLEVELAND SCHOOL	Grades 1-2-3
Ruth Twombly	Keene Normal School	Grades 4-5
Mertie Powers, Principal	LINCOLN SCHOOL	Grades 5-6
Alice Bliss	Plymouth Normal School	Grades 3-4
Rachel Stickney	Keene Normal School	Grades 2-3
Jasmin Faxon	Attended Keene and Gorham Nor.	Grade 1
Florence G. Stone	Attended Keene Normal	Assistant
Anne O'Keefe, Principal	ROOSEVELT SCHOOL	Grade 7
Ismay Estey	Plymouth Normal School	Grades 5-6
Katherine O'Keefe	Keene Normal School	Grades 4-5
Goldie Myers	Plymouth Normal School	Grades 2-3
Alice Muchmore	Keene Normal School	Grade 1
Katherine Gale	Keene Normal School	Kindergarten and Assistant

NAME	WHERE EDUCATED	ASSIGNMENT
Bertha Twining, Principal	Lowell Normal School	Grade 5
Isabel Robertson	Keene Normal School	Grade 6
Gertrude Merriam	Keene Normal School	Grade 4
Mabel Fisher	Keene Normal School	Grade 3
Dorothy Robbins	Keene Normal School	Grade 2
Bertha S. Davis	Keene Normal School	Grade 1
Adele Mason	L. Wheelock's Kindergarten School	Kindergarten
Mrs. C. W. Wilson	SOUTH KEENE SCHOOL	Grades 1-6
Marion Taylor	Salem Normal School	Grades 1-8
Florence Linnell	FOUR CORNERS SCHOOL	Music and Drawing
Hazel Hegner	Johnson Normal School	Domestic Arts
A. W. Pressler	SUPERVISORS	Manual Arts
High School	Lasell Sem., N. E. Cons., Boston U.	
Junior High	Simmons College	
Lincoln	JANITORS	
Washington and Franklin	Arthur Dean	52 Taylor St.
Tilden	A. H. Rowell	112 So. Lincoln St.
Roosevelt	James Hassett	16 Willow St.
Fuller	Fred H. Fay	15 Washington Av.
Symonds	H. H. Spaulding	36 Green St.
Cleveland	Chas. Williams	451 Washington St.
South Keene	W. W. Weeks	302 Court St.
Wheelock	Arthur Gunn	29 Coolidge St.
	J. H. Jones	60 Davis St.
	Chas. F. Eaton	534 Marlboro St.
	Geo. H. Follansbee	40 Cross St.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Board of Education, Keene, N. H.

Ladies and gentlemen;

I herewith submit my fourth annual report of Keene schools. As in previous reports there is included information relative to teachers, school reports of the Headmaster, Health Department, Attendance Officer, and Supervisor of Music and Drawing. All burdensome statistical figures have been omitted and only those included which will be helpful by showing progress and in making up other reports.

It is with pleasure that the Superintendent can report progress of the work during the past year. In all school subjects our pupils stand equal or above other school systems similar to that of Keene.

The work of the year has been very gratifying. During the first semester of this year the percentage of attendance has been very high. Compared with that of last year it is very high. The attendance was very much interfered with last year owing to the epidemic of measles and other contagious diseases. This year we have had no such epidemic. Another reason for good attendance is that the heating plant was materially improved in the Fuller School, which did not necessitate shutting down the school during the year. All the janitors have kept their schoolrooms comfortable. This, also, helps materially in bringing up the attendance.

IMPROVEMENTS

Keene has been doing a great deal to keep its school buildings in excellent condition. Each year there have been improvements and additions. This year the splendid addition to the High School has been completed, which will relieve the congestion in that building and mean better work. The new gymnasium will inspire zeal and enthusiasm among students and teachers and there will be something in the athletic line for every boy and girl. It will also be an incentive to the boys and girls in the grade schools, who are looking forward to work in the High School.

The Superintendent's office in the new part of the High School building, will be up to date and equipped with all the modern conveniences. For this we desire to thank the School Board for its thoughtfulness for providing suitable quarters for the head of the schools.

The Fuller School was renovated and remodelled last summer and an additional heating plant installed therein, so that it will provide ample room for the next two or three years, when a new schoolhouse will have to be erected in some other location more convenient.

New electric lights have been installed in the Lincoln School. These were very badly needed, as gas lights are not only inconvenient but take the oxygen from the air, thus leaving it very impure for the pupils to breathe.

Various improvements have been made in the schools during the year.

An excellent playground has been provided for the pupils at Tilden School.

Panic bolts and locks have been placed on all schoolhouse doors, thus complying with the law.

TEACHERS AND TEACHER CHANGES

During the year there were but few changes in the teaching staff. This is one of the indications of a better school sys-

tem. On account of few changes the Superintendent has had an opportunity to do the kind of work that counts. Team work and co-operation are the best means of accomplishing results.

The Superintendent holds frequent sectional meetings with the teachers, discussing the problems, grade by grade and school by school. In these meetings we go over their work, discussing the main features, bringing out the best ideas of the teachers, getting their opinions of matters of school interest and thus all the schools are kept abreast. This plan, also, adds new zest and enthusiasm in the schools, as each teacher wants to do her best.

At this point the Superintendent wishes to recommend that this plan be continued and that as few changes be made each year, as possible. He commends the work of the teachers.

HIGH SCHOOL

The Superintendent's report of the High School will be very brief, as the Headmaster's report found elsewhere deals with the High School in detail. The work in the High School improves from year to year. Not only the class room work has improved, which is due to the few teacher changes, but there has been more interest in athletics, debating and music, than heretofore.

We are often asked concerning the work in the High School, 'Why some pupils fail in college entrance examinations?' This is easily explained; first on account of the higher entrance requirements each year. Second, on account of so many more pupils entering college than heretofore. Only the select candidates are accepted, because every college is taxed to its utmost capacity and must turn away applicants. This condition will continue to prevail. This does not mean that the work is not as good as in the past, but it means that it must be considerably better.

The Manual Training Department has been materially strengthened by the addition of new equipment and new

courses. Plans are on foot to remodel and modify the Manual Training Courses so that there will be in the High School a real vocational course which will stand side by side with the classical and business courses.

I recommend that like changes be made in the Domestic Arts Department.

Many of our pupils who are attending higher institutions of learning, have gained honors.

Full report of High School by Headmaster Willis O. Smith, will be found elsewhere.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

We have three Junior High Schools in Keene, each following the State course of study, and each State accredited.

The Central Junior High School—Edwin Huse, Principal. This school is the practice school for the Normal School.

Franklin Junior High School—Forrest Paige, Principal.

Symonds Junior High School—Elizabeth Black, Principal.

The Junior High School is no longer an experiment, but has become a part of our educational system which not only bridges the gap between the High School and the Grades, but makes the step easy and logical and thus makes education a connected and continuous affair from Kindergarten to College.

The work of our pupils in the High School, who come from the Junior High Schools, is far better than that of those who come from schools of the old type.

The Junior High School provides an all around equipment to those pupils who do not intend to go further in schoolwork. It also brings together pupils of the adolescent period, when there is needed a different type of teaching than in any other period of school life.

EVENING SCHOOL

Keene is indeed fortunate in having but few illiterates, however there are a considerable number of foreigners who are

anxious to improve themselves in the English language, and also to gain a knowledge of American customs, and American institutions. For these reasons an Evening School is maintained with three divisions and three teachers.

The work is very satisfactory and the students make excellent progress during the term.

We recommend a continuance of the Evening School for another year.

A full report will be found elsewhere.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE AND MANUAL TRAINING

Keene has made ample provisions for the teaching of Domestic Arts and Manual Training in the Grade Schools. In each of the Grade Schools of four rooms and over, rooms and equipment have been provided for excellent work.

The Domestic Science is under the direction of Miss Hazel Hegner, a graduate of Simmons College. Her work has been thoroughly satisfactory and the pupils have made excellent progress in her classes.

Model kitchens have been provided in all the schools and the Seventh and Eighth Grade girls must serve meals during the year in the model dining rooms to faculty, school board and others.

The work in the Manual Arts Department is under the direction of Mr. Adolf Pressler, who demands thoroughness, neatness and accuracy in all the work. The work is all hand work and the projects turned out show skillful training. The use and care of tools is stressed.

MUSIC AND DRAWING

The music and drawing for the past four years has been under the direction of Miss Florence Linnell. These have become an important factor in the modern school system, as they provide a wholesome recreation for the children. One of the aims of education is to teach the child how to enjoy his leisure

time. He needs to know something of art and music to do this.

A full report by Miss Linnell is found elsewhere.

AIMS OF EDUCATION

In the report of 1922 the Superintendent gave a rather lengthy discussion of the aims of education. Summed up, the general aim may be divided into four specific aims:

The ability to earn one's living.

The ability to contribute to the welfare of others.

The knowledge of how to enjoy one's leisure.

How to care for one's health and safeguard the health of the community.

The first aim is acquired through the study of the tool subjects, Reading, Writing and Arithmetic. The second is attained through the social subjects, History, Geography, Civics and Literature. The third is attained through the study of Music, Drawing, Literature and Art. The fourth is reached through a study of Physiology, Hygiene and Sanitation. Without further discussion we will say that we are doing everything in our power to bring about these aims in our schools, which spell efficiency and better citizenship.

STANDARD TESTS

Standard Tests have become a part of the routine of every school system, not only for the elementary schools but for the junior high and high schools. Standard Tests are nothing more than standardized examinations which give one an opportunity to study the results of our work and compare it with the work of other schools. Standard Tests motivate school work. They encourage both pupil and teacher to do their best work. In this way the Superintendent can see at once if the aims of education are being accomplished; the teacher can see where to strengthen the weak spots in her teaching and the people can see what rank the pupil holds in his classes. Used rightly, Standard Tests are safe, sane and scientific.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

A complete report will be found elsewhere. Mrs. Julia Croteau, school nurse; Dr. A. A. Pratte, school physician; and Dr. R. J. Parker, school dentist; have made reports in detail.

As in recent years the Health Department has had the aid and co-operation of the Associated Charities, the Visiting Nurse Association, the Tubercular Clinic, the Orthopaedic Clinic, and the City Health Department. Also the co-operation of the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club and the Y. M. C. A.

We have been fortunate this year in not having an epidemic of any kind so far, however there has been a complete examination of all school children and follow up work has then been carried on. A report of each day's work has been filed in the office of the Superintendent.

PARENT-TEACHERS' ASSOCIATIONS

There are eight active Parent Teachers' Associations in Keene Union District. Seven of which are members of the State and National Associations. These associations have been very helpful to the Superintendent in bringing about co-operation between teachers and parents. They are not dictatorial, but members talk over matters and offer suggestions which they deem helpful to the school. The associations have added materially to the schools by providing phonographs, pianos, first-aid kits, rest rooms, etc. The greatest help is the co-operation that they bring to their respective districts. Teachers and parents have been brought closer together where they have discussed the school problems and a better understanding has resulted.

May their good work continue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Owing to the rapid growth and congested conditions in the Lincoln School, there is need of more room. The Superin-

tendent therefore recommends that two rooms be added to this school, and that an additional teacher be added to the teaching force, making this a six room building. This will provide for two hundred and ten pupils. In order to hold the attendance to this mark, pupils west of Beaver Brook to Main Street will be assigned to Washington school.

The Superintendent also recommends that electric lights be installed in all the buildings where gas lights are now used, first because gas lights are inconvenient and unsanitary. During the winter terms on dark days the schools need artificial lights. The gas lights absorb the oxygen from the air, which is needed for the pupils.

The Superintendent also recommends telephones be installed in all the buildings, especially the four and six room buildings, thus connecting all the buildings with the Superintendent's office. This will materially aid the Superintendent and School Nurse in their work, as they can check up readily all attendance and get in touch with the schools quickly. There is no other business in Keene or elsewhere of so much importance as the schools and no big business would be without the modern conveniences.

REPORT OF SCHOOL VISITS, ADDRESSES AND OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

September	158	December	146
October	247	January	184
November	190	February	125

Addressed 13 Parent Teacher Association meetings.

Addressed 2 Teachers' Association meetings.

Addressed 1 State Association English Teachers.

The special weeks have become burdensome to the school system. Personally the Superintendent does not agree with many educators in this matter.

The only weeks that are stressed are Education Week,

Music Week, and Health Week, and nothing is done during these weeks to interfere with the regular school work, but in every way the object of the week is stressed.

Education Week comes at the same time that it does all over the nation and attention is called to the work in our schools, where the teachers are doing regular work.

Health Week continues throughout the whole year as we stress health at all times.

Music Week fits in with the May Festival of our city.

Holidays are not overlooked, but the lives of great men are studied during the regular school periods and are a part of the regular school work, as the Superintendent believes in as few interruptions as possible in the regular school work.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion the Superintendent desires to express his heartfelt thanks to the Board of Education for their co-operation. The schools of Keene are in good condition and much credit is due the School Board in providing the Superintendent with equipment and teachers to carry on the work.

The Superintendent appreciates the co-operation given him by the Parent Teachers' Association and asks continuance of their goodwill and support.

The Superintendent wishes to thank the Health Officer, Fred Nims, Miss Richardson, Associated Charities, Chamber of Commerce, and all others, who have showed their interest and co-operation during the year. To Headmaster Smith, who has co-operated and assisted in every way possible, the Superintendent desires to express his thanks, also to the Junior High Principals and all the teachers who have worked together for better schools.

The association with the Director of the State Normal School, W. E. Mason, during the past year has been pleasant and helpful, and I desire to express my thanks for the hearty co-operation that he has given during the past year. The work

in the Training Schools and those of the Union School District, have been most harmonious during my administration and since the aims of these schools are one and we are working for the best interests of the children of the City of Keene, harmony and co-operation are absolutely necessary to bring about these results.

WILLIAM C. T. ADAMS,

Superintendent of Schools.

Keene, N. H., March 1, 1925.

REPORT OF THE HEADMASTER

KEENE HIGH SCHOOL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The registration in the High School this year is as follows: Boys 250, Girls 278, Total 528. This is an increase of 11 over last year.

They are enrolled by grades as follows: 179 in the First Year; 154 in the Second Year; 112 in the Third Year; 80 in the Fourth Year, and 3 Post Graduates. The total last year was 518.

There are 247 in the Commercial Course, 96 in the Classical, 120 in the Mechanic Arts Course, 50 in the Domestic Arts Course, and 16 in the General Course.

Of the entering class, 69 were admitted by certificate from the Central Junior High, 21 from Franklin Junior High, 10 from Symonds, 2 from Four Corners, 13 from St. Joseph's School, 48 by Superintendent's certificates from other accredited schools.

Our tuition pupils number 119. Swanzey, as usual, heads the list with 26, Dublin sends 5, Troy 9, Sullivan 6, Westmoreland 10, Fitzwilliam 14, Nelson 3, Spofford 3, Surry 10, Marlow 4, Chesham 3, South Acworth 2, Richmond 2, Gilsum 5, Harrisville 2, Spragueville 1, Pelham 1, Stoddard 1, Winchester 1, Brookline 1.

This list of tuition pupils represents the number actually in school at the present date and is 6 larger than that of last year.

The per cent of attendance for the year was 96.54, for the state, 93. The number of tardiness per pupil was .68, for the

state .90. Number of pupils per teacher, 29.4; number of pupils per teacher for the state, 18.

From a graduating class of 78, thirty-seven per cent, 29 pupils, have entered college of some other higher institution of learning. Not one had failed at mid-year and some had obtained high honor rank.

The following list includes all graduates of the Keene High School, as far as known, who entered directly from this school into college or some other institution of higher learning in Sept. 1924.

Edward F. Cogswell, Dartmouth.
Harland Page, Worcester Tech.
Faith F. Hopkins, Tufts Medical.
Winston F. Emery, New Hampshire University.
Ruth Bowen, New Hampshire University.
George Joslin, New Hampshire University.
Anna Marie Nilsen, New Hampshire University.
Edward McClenning, New Hampshire University.
Maurice W. Waling, New Hampshire University.
Russell G. Wallace, New Hampshire University.
Esther A. Wright, New Hampshire University.
Ruth G. Bragg, Keene Normal.
Ruth E. Brown, Keene Normal.
Lillian M. Field, Keene Normal.
Eileen M. Grogan, Keene Normal.
A. Blanche Henry, Keene Normal.
Percis I. Neaves, Keene Normal.
Priscilla M. Muchmore, Keene Normal.
Doris E. Perrault, Keene Normal.
Flossie M. Rolf, Keene Normal.
Margaret M. Savage, Keene Normal.
Elsie Stickney, Keene Normal.
Marion R. Stanton, Keene Normal.
Beatrice M. White, Keene Normal.
Willis Snow, Bucknell College.

Marguerite S. Hill, Bay Path Institute.

Elsie M. Mugford, Elliot Hospital.

Ruth H. Chase, Hitchcock Hospital.

George Holbrook, Francis Johnson, and John Reddington, former graduates of the Keene High School also entered Dartmouth this year.

Certified students from Keene High School can enter directly without examination the following N. E. Colleges:

Amherst, Bates, Boston University, Bowdoin, Brown, Colby, Dartmouth, Massachusetts Agricultural, University of New Hampshire, Middlebury, Tufts, Wesleyan, Williams, Worcester Polytechnic, and some others. There are at present about 100 graduates of our school attending these and other collegiate institutions.

A Year Book was published by the students giving special prominence to the senior class and containing many interesting facts and pictures. This will probably become a permanent custom.

A student council has been formed consisting of the president and vice president of each class and one representative from every organization in the school. Meetings are held monthly and any matters of interest to the student body may be brought up for discussion.

The school joined the New Hampshire Debating League and held its first interscholastic contest with Conant High School Friday March 6. The affirmative lost at Keene 2 to 1 and the negative won at Jaffrey 3 to 0. The question, Resolved that the Child Labor Amendment should be enacted into a law, was also debated before the school at assembly and with the Keene Normal teams. Very excellent work was done in all of these debates.

The work in music under the efficient leadership of Mr. Harry W. Davis has been very creditable. Our school orchestra, glee club and chorus have done much to interest and entertain the school. They also were given a part in the annual May

Festival where they rendered an evenings program in a manner which won the commendation of the public.

In athletics we have been fairly successful and the prospect for the future seems better than ever. Our base ball team won seven games and lost two. In track our men won fourth place out of an entry of nine schools. In football we won six games and lost four, playing some of the strongest teams of this section and of Massachusetts. Our girls basketball team has played thus far seven games and won them all. This is one of the best basketball teams we have ever had and should win the championship of the state. The boys basketball team has played six games and lost five.

The school hopes soon to become affiliated with the National Honor Society of the United States. This will enable us to give public recognition to students with high rank as well as to athletes.

It would also seem desirable to expand some of our curricula, to render the election of studies slightly more flexible, increase the number of teachers until our classes are all normal and to introduce regular systematic physical exercise into the curriculum of the school.

The splendid addition at our school building which is now nearing completion will enable many of these desirable changes to be made.

The addition will give us six extra class rooms, offices for the superintendent of schools and the physical director and a gymnasium approximately ninety by fifty feet with a balcony on all four sides. It will be equipped with store room, twelve showers and six hundred lockers.

When these new class rooms and the gymnasium are all properly functioning it would seem that the most pressing needs of the school could be adequately met.

There is certainly a wonderful opportunity here which challenges the ability, inspires the imagination and demands the best efforts of all.

In closing I wish to express my sincere thanks to the school

board for its wise counsel and hearty cooperation, to the superintendent of schools for his interest and valuable service to the High School, to the teachers who have contributed so freely of their time and talent not only to the required work of the school room but also to the many and varied extra curricular activities incident to a large and growing school and also to the parents and residents of Keene who by their interest and generosity have made the school and its work possible.

WILLIS O. SMITH,

Headmaster.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES OF CLASS 1924

CLASSICAL COURSE

Christine Allison	Faith Frances Hopkins
Loyal Leroy Avery	George Elias Joslin
Ruth Golding Bragg	Everett Brooks Moore
Ruth Verna Bowen	Anna Marie Nilsen
Althea Ellen Bolles	George Stephen Pickett
Ruth Mae Chase	Lionel John Sherwin
Edward Folsom Cogswell	Willis Gardner Snow
Leonard Ernest Dewyea	Helen Margaret Woodward
Eileen Mary Grogan	Esther Alice Wright
Annie Blanche Henry	Harland Leander Page

COMMERCIAL COURSE

Dorothy Aliber	Michael John Bruno
Alice Mary Barile	Grace Evelyn Carter
Morgan Leonard Barrett	Phoebe Elizabeth Dawson
Annie Laura Beers	Margery Cordie Emery
Arthur Alfred Boufford	Kathryn Whitney Erwin
Floyd Ernest Britton	Edward Dunn Eustace

Lillian Maxine Field	Hugh Raymond Park
Pauline Maud Foster	Doris Elizabeth Perault
Agnes Mary Gilbo	Carroll Frederick Perry
Christine Damon Gurnsey	Mary Janet Randall
Charlotte Ellen Hamblet	Marion Elizabeth Raymond
Eleanor Woodward Harris	Flossie May Rolf
Edna Mae Henry	Marion Rita Stanton
Marguerite Gertrude Hill	Marjorie Lucille Thompson
Priscilla Margaret Muchmore	Anna Catherine Whittemore
Elsie May Mugford	Beatrice Margaret White
Persis Irene Neaves	

GENERAL COURSE

Ruth Evangeline Brown	Ralph George Page
Winston Frank Emery	Maurice Gilbert Waling
Charles Robert Fay	Russell Gould Wallace
Walter Johnson Hanson	William Teale Wheeler
Leroy Leonard Maine	Vera Elizabeth White

PRACTICAL ARTS COURSE

Hazel Augusta Gale	Howard Clinton Holman
Margaret Mary Savage	Clarence Edward Putnam
Elsie Stickney	Paul Newton Scripture
Alfred Whitaker Barton	John Emerson Wyman

REPORT OF THE EVENING SCHOOL

The Keene Public Evening School opened October 7, 1924 with two teachers in charge. It soon became apparent that a third teacher would be required for those who had already attended evening school two years. For this reason Mrs. Barbara H. Doucoumes was secured and the grades apportioned thus:

Grade I, 17 pupils, Mrs. Willis O. Smith.

Grade II, 16 pupils, Mrs. Barbara H. Doucoumes.

Grade III, 15 pupils, Mr. Frank Robinson.

Total 48 pupils.

As our Evening School is conducted only for our foreign population, particular emphasis is laid, in the upper classes, on preparation for citizenship. In these classes advanced English is taught, grammatical construction, elementary history and civics. In Class I the English language is taught to beginners. Some time each week is spent also in singing patriotic and other songs in English.

The following countries were represented in our school this year:

Canada 16 pupils.	Finland 2 pupils.
Greece 14 pupils.	Russia 1 pupil.
Germany 10 pupils.	Poland 1 pupil.
Sweden 4 pupils.	

On Lincoln's Birthday, February 12, a Lincoln's Birthday Party was given to the members of the school with a program of songs and recitations by the pupils, followed by games and refreshments, much enjoyed by all.

MRS. WILLIS O. SMITH, Grade I

MRS. BARBARA H. DOUCOUMES, Grade II

MR. FRANK ROBINSON, Grade III

Instructors.

MEDICAL INSPECTION TO MARCH, 1925

The Medical Inspection of schools went on with very few interruptions this year. There were as always scattered cases of scarlet fever and diphtheria, but there were no epidemics of any kind.

Every child present during medical inspection was given a thorough physical examination, and reports of all defects found were sent the parents or guardians. Many of these defects have been corrected, and many others will be remedied during the summer.

Many orthopedic cases have been cared for, some by the parents, and many by the kindness of the Rotary Club in maintaining an Orthopedic clinic for children unable to pay for treatment.

The follow up work done by the doctor, school nurse and district nurse has been a great help in bringing closer relations between the school and home. Many children have been brought to the dentist and doctor, who would otherwise have been neglected.

The children 7% or more underweight have been reported to their family physician for a very thorough physical examination.

The orthopedic cases have special exercises at the Hospital each week, with Miss Phyllis Norton, Instructor.

Number of children examined,	2080
Excused at parents request	1
Malnutrition	51
*Vision	356
Hearing	15

Cardiac	10
Skin	65
Orthopedic	45
Tonsils	316
Adenoids	41
Glands	304
Pediculosis	61
Defective Breathing	28
Pulmonary	2
Teeth	741
Unvaccinated	61
*Incomplete.	

Health is taught in all the schools. All buildings are clean and well aired. Buildings and toilets are inspected by the nurse and doctor once a month.

We wish to thank all the teachers for their help and interest in our work.

We also extend our thanks to Miss Gage, Miss Hackett, Miss Richardson, Mrs. Powers, Miss Thompson and the Rotary Club for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. PRATTE,

School Physician.

JULIA L. CROTEAU,

School Nurse.

REPORT OF SCHOOL DENTIST

The work of the Dental Clinic was carried on, as in former years, at the Central Junior High School, every Thursday afternoon during the school year.

A great deal of credit is due the grade teachers for the excellent condition of the teeth of the school children. Care of the teeth should begin early and regular visits to the dentist should be made twice a year by all.

The following is the work accomplished during the term 1924-1925.

Teeth cleaned	77
Teeth filled	112
Teeth treated	5
Extractions	12

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH J. PARKER,
School Dentist.

REPORT OF THE ATTENDANCE OFFICER
TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

For the Year 1923-1924

Illegally kept out of school,	12
Illegally employed,	9
Truants and found on the street,	34
Sickness,	81
Lack of proper clothing and shoes,	15
Sickness in family,	23
Left Keene,	9
Completed eight grades or over 16,	3
Moved to Keene,	6
Other causes,	3
Prosecutions,	2
Total,	197

DON J. WILLIAMS,
Attendance Officer.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS OF SCHOOL POPULATION AND SCHOOL MONEY

Years	No. of schools *	No. of teachers	ANNUAL ENUMERATION.			School membership: (total number of different pupils.)	Average attendance.	Per cent membership of enumeration.	Per cent attendance of membership.	Total amount school money raised. †	Average amount per pupil of school membership.
			(Children of school age.)								
			Boys	Girls	Total						
1877-78	20	23	543	511	1,054	1,107	883	105.0	79.8	\$12,025.18	\$10.86
1878-79	20	23	492	463	955	1,115	882	116.6	79.1	10,510.32	9.43
1879-80	22	25	494	513	1,007	1,205	945	119.6	78.4	12,242.93	10.16
1880-81	22	26	520	513	1,033	1,196	876	115.8	78.3	13,040.59	10.90
1881-82	22	26	602	585	1,187	1,204	916	101.4	76.1	12,997.09	10.80
1882-83	22	26	491	570	1,061	1,172	914	101.4	78.0	13,912.05	11.09
1883-84	22	26	506	503	1,009	1,174	925	116.4	79.0	12,121.39	10.33
1884-85	22	26	507	502	1,009	1,183	958	117.2	81.0	15,112.35	12.81
1885-86	22	26	528	476	1,004	1,161	912	115.6	78.6	14,147.92	12.19
1886-87	18	23	529	466	995	872	692	87.7	79.4	12,036.06	13.80
1887-88	19	23	555	515	1,070	891	709	83.2	79.5	15,609.83	17.52
1888-89	20	25	599	489	1,088	964	748	88.6	77.6	16,802.88	17.43
1889-90	20	25	559	469	1,028	969	724	94.2	74.7	16,941.81	17.48
1890-91	20	26	538	408	1,006	1,015	778	100.9	76.7	16,951.71	16.70
1891-92	20	26	518	504	1,022	1,021	772	100.0	75.6	17,825.76	17.46
1892-93	19	25	559	476	1,035	1,055	811	101.9	77.8	16,834.10	15.96
1893-94	20	24	527	485	1,012	1,155	904	114.1	78.4	16,592.00	14.37
1894-95	22	26	610	503	1,013	1,162	921	104.4	79.3	15,362.26	13.22
1895-96	23	29	548	523	1,071	1,195	948	111.5	79.3	18,739.15	15.68
1896-97	23	30	617	540	1,157	1,221	1,001	105.5	82.0	19,185.49	15.53
1897-98	24	32	642	666	1,308	1,385	1,002	105.8	79.6	18,405.75	13.29
1898-99	24	35	537	586	1,123	1,402	1,103	124.8	78.7	22,580.81	16.10
1899-00	25	38	678	717	1,395	1,408	1,164	100.9	82.7	21,203.21	15.06
1900-01	25	39	673	751	1,424	1,464	1,053	102.8	71.9	20,633.02	14.09
1901-02	25	40	730	796	1,526	1,476	1,198	96.7	81.2	24,557.08	16.63
1902-03	25	41	751	783	1,534	1,494	1,197	97.4	80.1	24,197.72	16.20
1903-04	36	53	809	840	1,649	1,768	1,367	107.2	77.3	25,992.00	14.70
1904-05	38	55	889	890	1,779	1,656	1,324	93.1	79.9	25,960.00	15.67
1905-06	38	56	915	927	1,842	1,632	1,327	89.0	81.3	29,292.50	17.95
1906-07	38	57	913	934	1,847	1,645	1,316	88.9	80.0	30,992.50	18.84
1907-08	38	56	859	979	1,838	1,632	1,340	88.9	82.1	33,851.59	20.74
1908-09	39	56	845	1027	1,872	1,666	1,395	89.0	83.8	33,777.50	20.24
1909-10	39	56	888	974	1,862	1,674	1,342	89.3	80.0	32,672.50	19.52
1910-11	39	56	882	1003	1,885	1,672	1,429	88.7	86.0	34,642.50	20.72
1911-12	38	56	875	1044	1,919	1,678	1,437	88.0	85.0	37,367.50	22.27
1912-13	38	56	900	1063	1,963	1,740	1,463	88.6	84.1	41,307.50	23.74
1913-14	40	60	906	1063	1,969	1,742	1,481	88.4	84.9	49,722.50	28.54
1914-15	40	54	1037	985	2,022	1,822	1,558	90.0	85.5	53,523.81	29.37
1915-16	41	57	1010	976	1,986	1,969	1,536	99.1	78.0	54,037.10	27.44
1916-17	42	64	1020	1025	2,045	1,930	1,526	94.3	84.0	56,822.50	29.44
1917-18	42	59	1010	1050	2,060	1,933	1,551	93.8	80.2	82,484.23	42.67
1918-19	42	57	1063	1111	2,174	2,085	1,493.7	95.4	71.1	91,583.58	43.74
1919-20	42	60	1148	1186	2,334	2,209	1,700.63	94.6	76.9	118,253.25	53.53
1920-21	43	71	1167	1223	2,390	2,120	1,801	93.	85.	133,582.76	63.01
1921-22	46	75	1171	1244	2,415	2,134	1,942	93.	88.	146,932.09	69.21
1922-23	50	81	1218	1276	2,494	2,176	2,043	93.9	90.	140,380.00	64.51
1923-24	42	65	1194	1108	2,302	2,102	1,430.6	91.3	68.0	140,505.00	66.84

* Below High school grade.

† Not including amounts raised for evening schools nor for new buildings or sites.

The figures of 1903-1924 include the entire city; those for previous years include only the former Union District.

REPORT OF FIRST SEMESTER, 1924-1925

Central Junior High School:

Number of pupils in Commercial Course,	131
Number of pupils in French Course,	63
Number of pupils in Latin Course,	0

Enrollment by ages:

Number under 14 years of age,	141
Number between 14 and 16 years of age,	50
Number over 16 years of age,	3
Average membership,	187
Average attendance,	180
Per cent of attendance,	96.51

Franklin Junior High School:

Number of pupils in Commercial Course,	58
Number of pupils in French Course,	0
Number of pupils in Latin Course,	0

Enrollment by ages:

Number under 14 years of age,	50
Number between 14 and 16 years of age,	8
Number over 16 years of age,	0
Average membership,	54.22
Average attendance,	52.49
Per cent of attendance,	96.5

Symonds Junior High School:

Number of pupils in Commercial Course,	24
Number of pupils in French Course,	0
Number of pupils in Latin Course,	0

Enrollment by ages:

Number under 14 years of age,	19
Number between 14 and 16 years of age,	5
Number over 16 years of age,	0
Average membership,	22.08
Average attendance,	21.00
Per cent of attendance,	95.12

Roosevelt Junior High School:

Number of pupils in Commercial Course,	38
Number of pupils in French Course,	0
Number of pupils in Latin Course,	0

Enrollment by ages:

Number under 14 years of age,	25
Number between 14 and 16 years of age,	13
Number over 16 years of age,	0
Average membership,	35.77
Average attendance,	34.20
Per cent of attendance,	95.54

ENROLLMENT OF ELEMENTARY, JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOLS

	Boys	Girls	Total
High School:			
I Year,	96	83	179
II Year,	80	73	153
III Year,	46	66	112
IV Year,	27	53	80
Post Graduates,	3	1	4
	252	276	528
Central Junior High:			
7th Grade,	59	55	114
8th Grade,	42	38	80
	101	93	194
Franklin Junior High:			
7th Grade,	18	13	31
8th Grade,	10	17	27
	28	30	58
5th Grade,	23	18	41
6th Grade,	13	21	34
	36	39	75

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	Boys	Girls	Total
Symonds Junior High:			
7th Grade,	5	7	12
8th Grade,	5	7	12
	10	14	24
1st Grade,	15	11	26
2nd Grade,	12	3	15
3rd Grade,	16	5	21
4th Grade,	9	9	18
5th Grade,	7	9	16
6th Grade,	7	7	14
	66	44	110
Washington:			
1st Grade,	15	15	30
2nd Grade,	19	8	27
3rd Grade,	15	15	30
4th Grade,	12	18	30
	61	56	117
Tilden:			
1st Grade,	24	12	36
2nd Grade,	22	13	35
3rd Grade,	13	13	26
4th Grade,	9	18	27
5th Grade,	12	9	21
6th Grade,	12	18	30
	92	83	175
Cleveland:			
1st Grade,	4	6	10

	Boys	Girls	Total
2nd Grade,	3	2	5
3rd Grade,	3	3	6
4th Grade,	11	5	16
5th Grade,	5	6	11
	26	22	48
Lincoln:			
1st Grade,	26	33	59
2nd Grade,	18	17	35
3rd Grade,	4	7	11
4th Grade,	20	18	38
5th Grade,	11	11	22
6th Grade,	14	10	24
	93	96	189
Roosevelt:			
7th Grade,	7	13	20
8th Grade,	8	10	18
	15	23	38
Kindergarten,	10	13	23
1st Grade,	16	27	43
2nd Grade,	14	12	26
3rd Grade,	10	8	18
4th Grade,	7	13	20
5th Grade,	14	20	34
6th Grade,	9	6	15
	80	99	179

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	Boys	Girls	Total
Fuller:			
1st Grade,	15	5	20
2nd Grade,	6	7	13
3rd Grade,	11	7	18
4th Grade,	10	10	20
	42	29	71

South Keene:			
1st Grade,	4	3	7
2nd Grade,	2	2	4
3rd Grade,	0	0	0
4th Grade,	4	2	6
5th Grade,	2	1	3
6th Grade,	1	4	5
	13	12	25

Four Corners:			
1st Grade,	1	1	2
2nd Grade,	1	1	2
3rd Grade,	1	0	1
4th Grade,	2	1	3
5th Grade,	5	1	6
6th Grade,	0	2	2
7th Grade,	3	1	4
8th Grade,	3	0	3
	16	7	23

Wheelock:			
Kindergarten,	13	12	25
1st Grade,	18	24	42
2nd Grade,	18	14	32

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	Boys	Girls	Total
3rd Grade,	15	10	25
4th Grade,	21	18	39
5th Grade,	20	16	36
6th Grade,	28	21	49
	133	115	248
Total enrollment in the Elementary Schools,			1,260
Total enrollment in the Junior High Schools,			314
Total enrollment in the Senior High School,			528
			2,102

SUMMARY OF GRADES

Kg.	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	P.	G.	T.
Boys:															
23	138	115	88	105	99	84	92	68	96	80	46	27	3	1064	
Girls:															
25	137	79	68	112	91	89	89	72	83	73	66	53	1	1038	
Total:															
48	275	194	156	217	190	173	181	140	179	153	112	80	4	2102	

KEENE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE

(First Semester 1924-1925)

High School:

Total enrollment, 1924-1925,	528
Average membership,	518
Average daily attendance,	506
Per cent of attendance,	98

Junior High Schools:

Total enrollment, 1924-1925,	314
Average membership,	299
Average daily attendance,	287
Average per cent of attendance,	96

Elementary Schools:

Total enrollment, 1924-1925,	1,260
Average membership,	1,104
Average daily attendance,	1,047
Average per cent of attendance,	94

SUMMARY OF JUNE REPORTS

FOR FOUR YEARS

	1921	1922	1923	1924
Whole number registered,	2,120	2,138	2,090	2,012
Boys,	1,029	1,035	1,016	987
Girls,	1,091	1,103	1,074	1,025
*Number under 5 years of age,	43	25	8	44
*Number between 5-8 years,	490	472	448	329
*Number between 8-14 years,	1,033	1,040	1,044	1,020
*Number between 14-16 years,	313	329	376	354
*Number over 16 years,	186	207	214	265
Average attendance,	1,809.23	1,756.2	1,736	1,430.64
Average absence,	137.12	134.3	111	118.36
Average membership,	1,946.15	1,890.5	1,847	1,549
Per cent of attendance,	88.44	91.03	93.9	92
**Pupils not absent nor tardy,	105	97	83	34
Tardiness,	2,499	2,540	1,630	1,445

*Attended two weeks—represents a net registration.

**1924—Low on account of epidemic of measles.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER, 1923-1924

The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditures of Union School District, from March 10, 1924, to March 10, 1925, classified in accordance with the requirements of the State Board of Education.

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand March 10, 1924,	\$8,023.14	
City Treasurer,	165,950.50	
Dog license fees,	1,461.48	
High school tuition,	6,669.91	
Rent of Greenlawn Street house,	240.00	
Balance on Roosevelt School Building account,	32.13	
		\$182,377.16

EXPENDITURES

	Total Expenditures	High School	Elementary Schools
Administration:			
Salaries of board of education,	\$240.00		
Salaries of other district officers,	810.00		
Superintendent's excess salary,	1,800.00		
Superintendent's expenses,	588.95		
Truant officers and school census,	549.39		
Other expenses of administration,	1,598.95		
		\$5,587.29	

Instruction:

Principals' and regular teachers' salaries,	\$66,111.86	\$32,249.98	\$33,861.88
Supervisors of special subjects,	4,505.00	450.00	4,055.00

	Total Expenditures	High School	Elementary Schools
Textbooks,	3,066.15	2,061.10	1,005.05
Repair and replacement of apparatus,	294.21	218.19	76.02
Scholars' supplies,	4,047.04	2,500.61	1,546.43
Flags and appurtenances,	6.55		
Graduation exercises and exhibits,	190.95	145.82	45.13
Other expenses of instruction,	207.29	139.59	67.70
		\$78,429.05	

Operation and Maintenance of School Plant:

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Janitor service,	\$7,574.73	\$2,011.72	\$5,563.01
Fuel,	7,544.85	2,492.81	5,052.04
Water,	653.53	126.82	526.71
Light and power,	833.96	537.82	296.14
Building and janitors' supplies,	249.29	154.88	94.41
Minor repairs of building and upkeep of grounds,	6,529.34	1,158.58	5,370.76
Repair and replacement of equipment,	4,806.68	3,517.10	1,289.58
Other expenses of operation and maintenance,	295.18	193.37	101.81
		\$28,487.56	

Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities:

Libraries,	22.28		
Medical Inspection,	1,698.32	308.30	1,390.02
Transportation of pupils,	3,571.50		3,571.50

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Elementary school tuition,	22,610.91	22,610.91
Other special activities,	20.25	20.25
Fixed Charges:		\$48,288.97
Insurance,	\$395.42	
Tax on Greenlawn Street house,	46.40	\$441.82
Outlay for Construction and Equipment:		
Lands and new buildings,	55.00	
Alteration of old buildings,	595.00	650.00
Debt Service:		
Payment of bonds,	\$15,000.00	
Payment of interest,	5,970.00	\$20,970.00
New Hampshire per capita tax,		\$4,038.00
Academy House,		995.29
Wiring Greenlawn Street house,		135.00
Evening School,		299.75
Total payments for all purposes,		\$167,957.02
Cash on hand March 10, 1925,		14,420.14
		\$182,377.16

KEENE HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION BUILDING ACCOUNT

August 7, 1924 to March 10, 1925

RECEIPTS

From sale of bonds,	\$100,290.00	
Accrued interest,	59.03	
Interest on daily balances,	607.48	
		\$100,956.51

EXPENDITURES

Hoyt Construction Co.,	\$65,126.16	
C. P. Hoyt, architect,	5,074.34	
A. W. Pressler,	450.00	
Nims Plumbing Co.,	6,800.00	
G. H. Tilden & Co.,	.50	
Cheshire House,	5.25	
City of Keene, W. S. and D. Dept.,	761.65	
Edwin G. Allen,	210.00	
Arthur Dean,	42.00	
		\$78,469.90
Balance March 10, 1925,		22,486.61
		\$100,956.51

The foregoing account of the Treasurer of the Union School District, covering the receipts and disbursements for the year ending March 10, 1925, has been examined by me and is found to be correctly cast and vouched.

GEORGE H. SHERWIN,
Auditor.

PROPERTY BELONGING TO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

The area of lots and valuation of lands and school houses in the City of Keene, belonging to Union School District, is as follows:

	Area of Lot Square Feet	Valuation Land	Buildings
High school,	73,500	\$19,500.00	\$250,000.00
Junior High school,	28,400	6,100.00	60,000.00
Tilden school,	19,850	625.00	20,000.00
Fuller school,	14,850	300.00	4,000.00
North Washington school,	22,675	470.00	3,000.00
Roosevelt school,	64,500	3,000.00	50,000.00
Washington school,	61,235	7,275.00	20,000.00
Franklin school,			20,000.00
Lincoln school,	32,080	900.00	20,000.00
Wheelock school,	59,020	1,500.00	40,000.00
Cleveland school,	2,100	525.00	5,000.00
Surburban school buildings,			15,300.00
	378,210	\$40,195.00	\$507,300.00

Total area, 378,210 square feet or 8.7 acres.

Total valuation:

Lands,	\$40,195.00
Buildings,	507,300.00

Total valuation,	\$547,495.00
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BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, LOAN OF 1912

Due	Rate of Interest	Amount Due
1925	3½ per cent	\$10,000.00
1926	"	10,000.00
1927	"	10,000.00
		\$30,000.00

ROOSEVELT SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, LOAN OF 1921

Due	Rate of Interest	Amount Due
1925	5 per cent	\$5,000.00
1926	"	5,000.00
1927	"	5,000.00
1928	"	5,000.00
1929	"	5,000.00
1930	"	5,000.00
1931	"	5,000.00
		\$35,000.00

HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION BUILDING BONDS, LOAN OF 1924

Due	Rate of Interest	Amount Due
1925	4½ per cent	\$10,000.00
1926	"	10,000.00
1927	"	10,000.00

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Due	Rate of Interest	Amount Due
1928	4½ per cent	10,000.00
1929	"	10,000.00
1930	"	10,000.00
1931	"	10,000.00
1932	"	10,000.00
1933	"	10,000.00
1934	"	10,000.00
		\$100,000.00
Total bonded indebtedness of Union School		
District,		\$165,000.00

COOLIDGE LOT NOTE, \$19,500.00

In favor of City of Keene, dated October 2, 1911, due October 1, 1961, interest at 3½ per cent, payable April 1st and October 1st.

REQUIRED ANNUAL REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION TO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

I. BUDGET, (School Money) :

Amount of money needed for support of schools and for statutory requirements (See Laws).

Administration:

	Total Estimates	High School	Elementary Schools
Salaries of board of education,	\$240.00		
Salaries of other district officers,	1,010.00		
Superintendent's excess salary,	1,900.00		
Superintendent's expenses,	1,200.00		
Truant officer and school census,	550.00		
	\$4,900.00		

Instruction:

Principals', supervisors' and teachers' salaries,	\$78,500.00	\$39,500.00	\$39,000.00
Text books and scholars' supplies,	6,500.00	4,000.00	2,500.00
Flags and appurtenances,	25.00		25.00
Other expenses of instruction,	250.00	100.00	150.00
Evening school,	500.00		
	\$85,775.00		

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Operation and Maintenance of School Plant:

	Total Estimates	High School	Elementary Schools
Janitor service,	\$8,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,500.00
Fuel,	8,200.00	3,200.00	5,000.00
Water,	950.00	250.00	700.00
Light and power,	950.00	650.00	300.00
Minor repairs of buildings,	7,000.00	1,000.00	6,000.00

Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities:

Medical inspection,	\$1,700.00	\$350.00	\$1,350.00
Transportation of pupils,	3,500.00		3,500.00
State Normal School,			
Elementary school tuition,	28,000.00	\$33,200.00	28,000.00

Fixed Charges:

Insurance,	\$900.00		
Rent, Academy Property,	680.00	\$1,580.00	\$680.00
		\$52,730.00	\$92,025.00

Outlay for Construction and Equipment:

Additional land, Tilden and High School, and interest,	\$2,350.00		
Grading High School lot and furnishing addition on High,	100.00		
	12,000.00	\$14,450.00	

	Total Estimates	High School	Elementary Schools
Debt Service:			
Payment, High School building notes,	\$10,000.00		
Payment, High School addition, building notes,	10,000.00		
Payment, Roosevelt building notes,	5,000.00		
Interest, High School Building notes,	925.00		
Interest, High School addition, building notes,	4,500.00		
Interest, Roosevelt building notes,	1,625.00		
Interest, Coolidge lot notes,	682.50		
		\$32,732.50	
New Hampshire per capita tax,	\$3,870.00	3,870.00	
Total of all requirements,		<u>3,870.00</u>	
			\$202,107.50

II. Requirements to meet Budget:

(a) For support of elementary schools,	\$92,025.00
(b) For support of high school,	52,730.00
(c) For support of evening school,	500.00
(d) For expenses of administration,	4,900.00
(e) For insurance,	900.00

\$151,055.00

III. Assessment Required:

1. For the support of Schools etc.:

(See I and II)

(a) Statutory requirements:

\$3.50 tax on equalized valuation of \$19,845,223.00,	\$69,458.28
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(b) Additional sum needed,	81,596.72
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\$151,055.00

2. Outlay for construction
and equipment:

Additional land, Tilden and

High School, \$2,350.00

Interest, 100.00

Grading High School lot, furnishing
addition on High, 12,000.00

\$14,450.00

3. Statutory requirements:

(a) For the payment of per capita tax,	\$3,870.00
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(b) For the payment of debt:

High school building notes, 10,000.00

High school addition build-
ing notes, 10,000.00

Roosevelt building notes, 5,000.00

(c) For the payment of interest:	
High school building notes,	925.00
High school addition building notes,	4,500.00
Roosevelt building notes,	1,625.00
Coolidge lot note,	682.50
	\$36,602.50
Total of all requirements,	
	\$202,107.50

(SCHOOL WARRANT)
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Cheshire, ss.

To the inhabitants of Union School District, in the City of Keene, qualified to vote in school district affairs:

You are hereby notified and warned to meet at High School Hall, in said District, on Thursday, the twenty-sixth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five at 8 o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator for the ensuing year.

ART. 2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To hear the report of the treasurer, and take any action thereon deemed necessary.

ART. 4. To elect one or more members of the board of education.

ART. 5. To elect a treasurer of the district and one or more auditors.

ART. 6. To see what sum of money, if any, the district will vote to raise and appropriate, in addition to the sum required by law, for the support of schools, for the repair and equipment of school houses; to pay the board of education; to pay the agent of the district; to pay the treasurer of the district; to pay the auditor of the district; to pay the truant officer; to pay insurance on school buildings; to pay for water service; to pay for rent of the Dinsmore property; to pay all other statutory obligations of the district.

ART. 7. To see if the district will vote to purchase land adjoining the High School lot and the Tilden school lot and to raise and appropriate money therefor.

ART. 8. To see if the district will vote to furnish the addition to the High School and to grade the lot in the rear thereof and to raise and appropriate money therefor.

ART. 9. To see if the district will vote to erect an addition to the Lincoln School Building, to furnish the same, to appoint a committee to have the same in charge, and to raise and appropriate money therefor.

ART. 10. To see if the district will authorize the board of education to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the current year for current expenses and to be paid back from such taxes.

ART. 11. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal at Keene, this 11th day of March, 1925.

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